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R. CONSOLATO GENERALE D'ITALIA IN SHANGHAI

Il R. Addetto per la Stampa e la Cultura, presso la R. Ambasciata d'Italia in Cina, invita cordialmente tutti i connazionali e le loro famiglie alla proiezione di alcune pellicole artistiche sull' Italia che avrà luogo, in visione privata, Domenica 4 febbraio, 1940, alle ore 11 antimeridiane, al Teatro Cathay.

Shanghai, 29 gennaio-1940-XVIII.

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R. CONSULATE GENERAL FOR GREECE, SHANGHAI
No. 97.40

RE THE ESTATE OF
ANTHONY KOTSOMITIS
Deceased

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all persons having claims against the above estate are requested to file the same with this Consulate General not later than the 31st day of March, 1940, after which date no claims will be considered.

And all persons indebted to the said Estate are likewise requested to make payments to this Consulate General not later than the above mentioned date.

EMMANUEL P. YANNOULATOS,
Consul-General.

Shanghai, January 26, 1940.

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NOTIFICATION No. 5196

WATCHMEN

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that with effect from February 1, 1940, the fee for Police supervision of Watchmen will be increased from $3 to $5 per month.

By order,

T. W. GUBB,
Deputy Secretary.

COUNCIL CHAMBER,
Shanghai, January 29, 1940.

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IN THE MATTER OF
THE
HONGKONG COMPANIES ORDINANCE
No. 39 of 1932
AND IN THE MATTER OF
THE NEW ENGINEERING & SHIPBUILDING WORKS, LTD.
(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to Article 162 of the Company's Articles of Association an Extraordinary Meeting of Members of the above-named Company will be held at the office of the Liquidators, Sassoon House, on Tuesday, February 20, at 4 o'clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of passing the following Extraordinary Resolution:—

"THAT 494,351 shares of Shanghai Dockyards Limited, being part of the assets of this Company, be distributed to the holders of Ordinary Shares of this Company in specie, share for share and the Liquidators be and are hereby authorized to distribute such shares accordingly."

I. E. ROBERTS, A.C.A.
T. D. DRYSDALE,
Liquidators.

Shanghai, January 30, 1940.

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SHANGHAI RACE CLUB

Voting Members willing to serve either as Stewards or on the General Committee or on the Balloting Committee for the ensuing year are requested to forward their names to the undersigned before noon on Saturday, February 3, 1940.

By Order of the Stewards,

A. W. OLSEN, *Secretary,*
SHANGHAI RACE CLUB.

Shanghai, January 29, 1940.

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SHANGHAI RACE CLUB

The Annual General Meeting will be held in the Guests Room, Grand Stand, at 5.30 p.m. on Monday, February 5, 1940.

By Order of the Stewards,

A. W. OLSEN, *Secretary,*
SHANGHAI RACE CLUB.

Shanghai, January 29, 1940.

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SHANGHAI ROWING CLUB

The Annual General Meeting of the Shanghai Rowing Club will be held at the Club house, 76 Soochow Road on Tuesday, February 6, 1940, at 5.30 p.m.

By order of the Committee,

B. STONE,
Hon. Secretary.

January 24, 1940.

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IN THE MATTER OF
THE
COMPANIES ORDINANCE
1932 (HONGKONG)
THE CHINA ORDER-IN-COUNCIL
1925
AND IN THE MATTER OF
THE SHANGHAI DOCK & ENGINEERING CO., LTD.
(In Voluntary Liquidation)

MEMBERS' VOLUNTARY WINDING-UP

At an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Members of the said Company duly convened and held in the Board Room of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., 27 The Bund, Shanghai, on January 29, 1940, the following Resolution was duly passed in manner required for passing a Special Resolution:—

(a) THAT the Shanghai Dock & Engineering Company, Limited, be wound up voluntarily AND THAT FREDERICK NEWMAN MATTHEWS, F.C.A. and ERNEST FROST HARDMAN, C.A. both of 2 Peking Road, Shanghai, be and they are hereby appointed Liquidators jointly and each of them severally for the purposes of such winding-up AND THAT the remuneration of the said Liquidators be fixed at an initial fee of Dollars Fifteen Thousand and such further fee as may be decided upon by the Committee of Inspection.

(b) THAT the Liquidators may divide among the contributories in specie or kind any part of the assets of the Company or may vest any part of the assets of the Company in Trustees upon such trusts for the benefit of the contributories or any of them as the Liquidators shall think fit.

(c) THAT FREDERICK ARTHUR POLLOCK of Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., ARCHIBALD HEDLEY MATTHEWS of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation and HERBERT CASTLE BARTON WAY of the Yangtsze Insurance Association, Ltd. be and they are hereby appointed to act as a Committee of Inspection in such winding-up.

F. A. POLLOCK,
Chairman of the Meeting.

Witness: D. R. GLASS.
January 29, 1940.

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IN THE MATTER OF
THE SHANGHAI DOCK & ENGINEERING CO., LTD.
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
AND IN THE MATTER OF
THE
HONGKONG COMPANIES ORDINANCE
No. 39 of 1932

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Creditors of the above-named Company, which is being voluntarily wound-up, are required, on or before the Fifteenth day of February, 1940, being the date for that purpose fixed by the undersigned the Liquidators of the said Company, to send their names and addresses, and particulars of their debts or claims, and the names and addresses of their solicitors, if any, to the undersigned, and, if so required by notice in writing from the undersigned, are by their solicitors to come in and prove their said debts or claims at such time and place as shall be specified in such notice, or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such debts are proved.

F. N. MATTHEWS, F.C.A.,
E. F. HARDMAN, C.A.,
Liquidators,
c/o Lowe, Bingham & Matthews,
2 Peking Road, Shanghai.

January 29, 1940.

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THE SHANGHAI DOCK & ENGINEERING CO., LTD.

(Incorporated under the Companies' Ordinances, Hongkong)

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that with the Transfer Books and Register of Members will be opened at the offices of the Liquidators (c/o Lowe, Bingham & Matthews, 2 Peking Road, Shanghai) on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, February 1, 2 and 3, 1940.

F. N. MATTHEWS, F.C.A.,
E. F. HARDMAN, C.A.,
Liquidators,

Shanghai, January 29, 1940.

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CENTRAL PROPERTIES, LIMITED

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Seventh Ordinary General Meeting of this Company will be held in the Board Room of Messrs. E. D. Sassoon & Co., Ltd., Sassoon House, Shanghai, on Tuesday, February 6, 1940, at 4 p.m. for the purpose of receiving the Directors' Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ended December 31, 1939, approving the declaration of a dividend, electing Directors, appointing Auditors to the Company, and to transact any other ordinary business which may be brought before the Meeting.

The Transfer Books and Share Register of the Company will be closed from January 31 to February 6, 1940, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

J. B. ETHERINGTON,
Secretary.

January 24, 1940.

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30 A.W.C. Bridge and Mahjongg, 3
30 For. Y. Lecture: 'Chinese Religious Heritage' by Dr. C. B. Day
30 President Franklin D. Roosevelt's birthday (1882)
30 King of Bulgaria's birthday (1894)
30 Nazi coup (1933)

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JANUARY

31 B.U.S.C. Lecture: 'Light,' Mr. Harold G. B. Perry, 114 Peking Road, 5.30
31 Dinner Dance, Floorshow, C.S.F., 8.30

FEBRUARY

1 S.W.A. meeting, C.S.F., 4
1 For. Y. Debate: 'Changing Human Nature'
1 Ballet Russe gala performance of 'Tsar Maiden,' fantastic ballet, Lyc., 9
2 Shanghai Camera Club, Lecture, 330 Szechuen Road, 9
2 Grand Soirée, aid St. Tichon's, Arcadia, 9.30
3 Ballet Russe, 'Tsar Maiden,' Lyc., 9
4 Ballet Russe, 'Tsar Maiden,' Lyc., 2 & 9
4 Municipal Orchestra Concert. Lyc., 5.15
5 Engineering Society Meeting, 5.45
7 Rotary Club, Metropole Hotel, 12.15
10 S.R.U.F.C. Interport Dance, Country C.
11 'For The Sins of the Fathers,' Jewish A.D.C., Lyceum, 9.15
13 For. Y. Lecture: 'Mental Hygiene' by Dr. F. G. Halpern
14 Indian Merchants Association, Annual Meeting, 391 Kiangse Road, 5
15 Rotary Club, Metropole Hotel, 12.15
15 'Tales of Hoffmann', Grand Opera by J. Offenbach, gala production, Lyc., 8.45
15 Pinette-Quartette A.W.C., 9
17 'Tales of Hoffmann,' Lyceum, 8.45
18 'Tales of Hoffmann,' Lyceum, 8.45
20 For. Y. Lecture: 'The Whangpoo—Shanghai's River,' by Mr. N. Maas
20 A.D.C. 'Lilac Time,' Lyceum, 9
21 A.D.C. 'Lilac Time,' Lyceum, 9
22 Rotary Club, Metropole Hotel, 12.15
22 A.D.C. 'Lilac Time', Lyceum, 9
23 A.D.C. 'Lilac Time, Lyceum, 9
24 A.D.C. 'Lilac Time,' Lyceum, 9
27 For. Y. Lecture: 'Education,' by Dr. R. J. McMullen
27 A.W.C. Concert, Seidl-Margolinski, Warschauer, 9
27 Piano recital by Miss Wincia Tomaszewska, Polish pianist, Lyceum, 9.15
29 Rotary Club, Metropole Hotel, 12.15
28 Ranger Leap Year Din. Dance, A.W.C., 8
29 Community Church Organ Concert, 9

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Directors have this day declared an Interim Dividend for the year ending June 30, 1940, at the rate of Ten Cents Local Currency per share to be paid to Members on record on Tuesday, January 30, 1940.

The Transfer Books and Share Register of the Company will be closed from January 24 to January 30, 1940, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

A. R. BURKILL & SONS, LTD.,
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Shanghai, January 16, 1940.

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The Transfer Books and Share Register of the Company will be closed from February 3 to February 7, 1940, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

A. R. BURKILL & SONS, LTD.,
General Managers.

Shanghai, January 23, 1940.

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THE SUNGHEI DURI RUBBER ESTATE, LTD.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Directors have this day declared an Interim Dividend for the year ending June 30, 1940, at the rate of One Dollar and fifty cents Local Currency per share to be paid to Members on record on Tuesday, January 30, 1940.

The Transfer Books and Share Register of the Company will be closed from January 24 to January 30, 1940, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

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An Educational Appeal

To the Editor of the
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Shanghai, Jan. 29.

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For Shavers:
Get a Blade Sharpener

To the Editor of the
"North-China Daily News"

Sir,—Experience and gratitude to the makers tempts me to recommend to G-Man the acquisition of a Wardonia razor together with an Allegro sharpener to suit. He will probably find shaving less trouble and very inexpensive—this is not an advertisement.

Grizzly.

Shanghai, Jan. 29.

The Water Glass Plan

To the Editor of the
"North-China Daily News"

Sir,—I can recommend to G-Man a method of sharpening his razor blades which will cost nothing but a bit of elbow grease, and will enable him to use one blade from two to three weeks. Rub the razor blade on the inside surface of an ordinary water glass with a rotary motion, exerting pressure with the first and second fingers. Repeat on the reverse side of the blade.

Thrift.

Shanghai, Jan. 29.

Why Not a Beard ?

To the Editor of the
"North-China Daily News"

Sir,—The young shaver who finds razor-blades costly might try growing a beard.

If he wants to re-sharpen his blades why does he not do so himself? The inside of a tumbler works excellently. I make a blade last at least 9 months and my whiskers are as tough as most people's.

Old Shaver.

Shanghai, Jan. 29.

The Finns' Angel :
A Natural Phenomenon

To the Editor of the
"North-China Daily News"

Sir,—Apropos of the apparition observed by the Finnish Army in the shape of "a white angel with arms outstretched protectively facing towards the Russian lines," as reported from Helsinki by Reuter a few days ago, which many a reader must have passed with a smile as a clever piece of propaganda, I would like to state that such a phenomenon is quite possible in any northern country, and especially in Finland, at this time of the year, where the Aurora Borealis is not a rare occurrence. This phenomenon greatly varies in appearance, and consists of an illuminating fanlike arch stretching over the skies during the long northern nights with its centre pointing towards the magnetic pole, and rays of light directed southwards reaching the zenith and beyond it, changing its colours and density wavelike where in the centre there sometime appears the so-called "crown" of the Aurora. The cause of this phenomenon is not quite established, but, is undoubtedly, the result of electric discharges in the higher layers of the rarefied atmosphere. The light of the Aurora Borealis is very similar to the light of rarefied gases in a Geissler tube when an electric current is passing through it (the Neon light is based on the same principle). This theory is furthermore substantiated by the fact that when the Aurora Borealis is at its strongest, the telegraph lines in the northern countries develop inductive currents which either interfere or completely paralyse telegraphic communications. It is therefore the phenomenon of a magnificent Aurora Borealis with its fanshaped rays pointing southward (towards Russia) that must have made its appearance on the Finnish front at this time of the year when the sun shines about two hours, the other 22 hours of the day being night with a temperature of 60° to 70° below zero, with aeroplanes raining death and destruction. When human beings have to remain at the front under such hellish conditions, there is then no wonder that when the Aurora Borealis appeared in the skies, the long and weary nights with the biting frost fired up the imagination of the soldiers at the front to observe "the Angel of Mons" with its attributes—good luck to them!

J. L. Friend.

Shanghai, Jan. 28.

Capture of Siaoshan :
Support for Wang Ching-Wei

To the Editor of the
"North-China Daily News"

Sir,—Why so many of my fellow countrymen and foreign "sympathizers" are so fat-headed as to be able to judge an important issue from only a single viewpoint is beyond my comprehension. A letter signed K.H.B. in today's N.C.D.N. is a typical example of an expression of sympathy—in reference to Japanese capture of Siaoshan:

> If the Japanese are so sincerely desirous of peace—as implied in their present efforts to bolster up Mr. Wang Ching-wei's Central Government for this purpose—why further fresh conquests?

If K.H.B. knows any world history, in the least, signing of the Versailles Treaty, both Allies and the Germans were bombarding each other until the official announcement of signing of a peace treaty.

In my most humble opinion, letters of a nature such as the one sent by K.H.B., originate from such persons who are guided by stupid sympathy and thought poisoned by intense hatred heated by prejudice.

"Love is blind"....so I have been told by Westerners. I wonder if the world in love with China can open their eyes to realism and awaken to the fact that Mr. Wang Ching-wei is a "saviour" to no less than (rough guess) 30 million Chinese living in areas under Japanese influence. If the world cares and still does nothing for us, instead involve themselves in a fresh major war of their own—what is going to become of us?

As a staunch, patriotic supporter of Mr. Wang Ching-wei, Mr. Wang Kehmin, Mr. Liang Hung-chih, and other courageous men of their calibre, I pray that my fellow countrymen and our sympathizers will see the present struggle between the peace movement and the Japanese in a more realistic light. Some K.H.B.s may write and preach "resist"—but what of us, the 30 million and more left behind by the defeated "resisters" to die of starvation and disease or live to be exploited without a voice?

Yu Yee.

Shanghai, Jan. 28.

Interport Soccer:
Points from Sunday's Game

To the Editor of the
"North-China Daily News"

Sir,—With reference to yesterday's game, which, by the way, was one of the best football games I have seen for a long time in Shanghai, I wish to add my voice to the one of your critic who recommends the inclusion of McClarty and Foyn and Segalen into the final, real team. In my opinion, and I might add that I am in no way connected with any local Football Clubs, these three men form a right front triangle which cannot possibly be bettered in Shanghai.

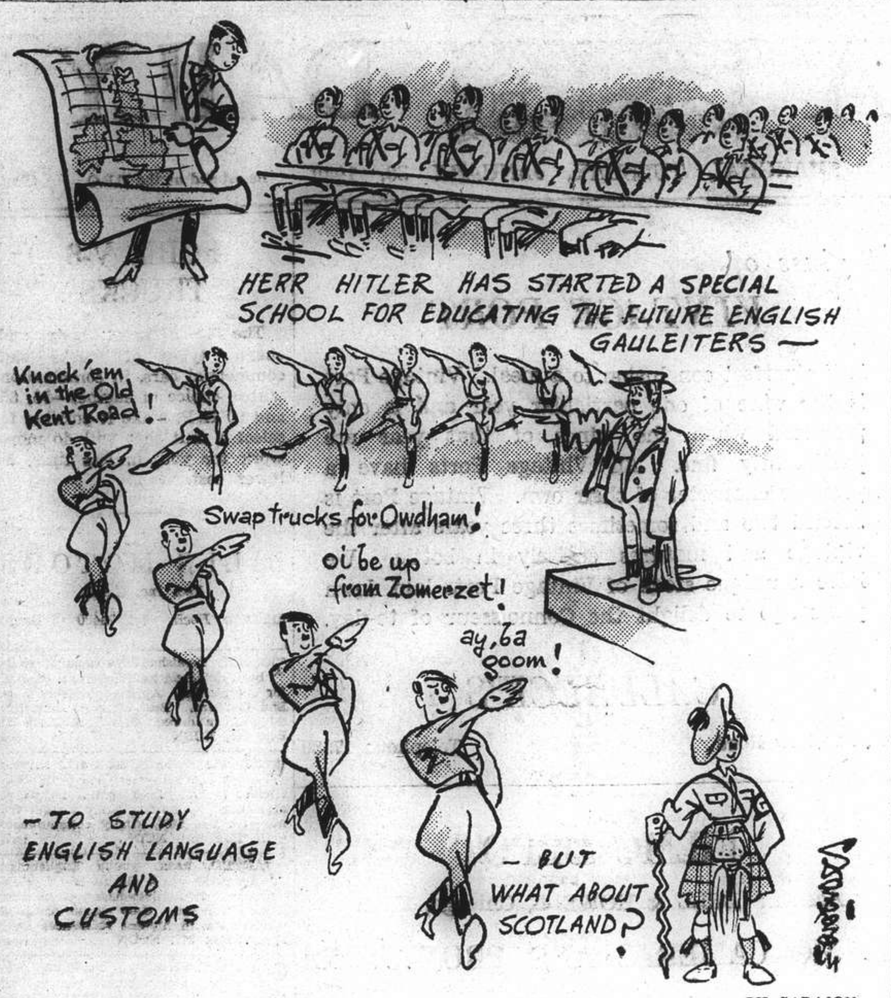
I am sorry that the Selection Committee did not include the Italian Navy goalie on the Possibles side, as I am confident that with him in their goal they would probably have beaten the Probables or, at least, forced a draw. However, W. Ward played such a grand game that he justified his inclusion without any reserve and things would indeed have looked very bad for the Probables side had he not brought off so many magnificent saves.

One final word re the inclusion of Costa. Your critic says: He could not hold Roboostoff; this, in my opinion, is not quite correct and I, for one, thought that Adidi Costa played very well and Roboostoff could do only little against him, even if he happened to get three (or four) good goals; but even granted the fact that Costa "did not always hold Roboostoff," would N. Z. Lee have been able to do that?

I have no objections to N. Z. Lee playing in the Interport game in any position, but I feel that the time has not yet come for Shanghai to replace Costa, and he, in my opinion, is still the best one to fill the centre-half berth for Shanghai; he certainly outshone Lee in yesterday's game and I hope that he will consequently be wearing Shanghai's colours again against Hongkong.

E. B.

Shanghai, Jan. 29.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BY SAPAJOU

Preparing For Conquest

Key-Money Racket:
A Reader's Advice

To the Editor of the
"North-China Daily News"

Sir,—Would you kindly permit me to urge house and flat hunters to immediately discontinue paying key money for premises they may desire.

I am prompted to this by a small but easily noticed glut in the house/flat market, a glut that before the end of March threatens to ruin the high rent key money racket. Recently I looked over a flat in French town. A very high rental plus 12 months deposit was asked in an independent manner. Passing the same place a month later I noticed it still vacant and on inquiring found the rental had been reduced by 20 per cent. and the deposit to 3 months' rent.

Other signs are the panicky attempts by agencies to get vacancies off their hands before the collapse comes which is now not far off. The opening up of Nantao and Hongkew will sound the death knell of this form of racketeering in Shanghai.

B.

Shanghai, Jan. 28.

Holding the Bag ?
Why So Many Bodies ?

To the Editor of the
"North-China Daily News"

Sir,—When one takes into consideration the inconvenience and obstacles facing the Shanghai public, due to the situation surrounding the Settlement being made to bear the burden for the numerous deaths of refugees and children without a kick is, to say the least, humiliating.

The exceedingly cold spell was naturally unpredicted, and the great work being done by the Salvation Army to lighten the suffering of beggars and refugees calls for every co-operation. But! if discreet enquiries were made as to why so many dead bodies are picked up in the settlement, the result would be a revelation to those who only see on the surface.

To die destitute and be buried without a box is something a Chinese cannot imagine: his only alternative is to stagger into the Settlement, or bring the body of his dead child where he knows a box will be forthcoming.

One hears a lot of propaganda concerning brotherly help, and when you take into consideration the loose money that plies from hand to hand outside the Settlement, in a critical situation as at present a little help to the needy outside would lessen the pressure.

Small Fry.

Shanghai, Jan. 27.

The Victoria Cross :
An Inquiry Answered

To the Editor of the
"North-China Daily News"

Sir,—The request of Mr. Barling's can be answered by the following article which appeared in a recent issue of "Everybody's Weekly" and which I quote below in full:

> V.C. Most coveted of all decorations. Takes precedence over all others. May be awarded to soldier, sailor, airmen, nurse (of either sex) or civilian.
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> Ribbon: dark red (formerly blue for Navy). Can always be distinguished as it is wider than other ribbons.
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> The cross is Maltese, in bronze. Royal crown centre, lion over. Below scroll "For Valour."
>
> Carries a pension of £.0 per annum to non-commissioned men, with added £5 for a bar. A bar signifies that the wearer has won the decoration twice. Bar very sparingly awarded. In Great War No. only two were given.
>
> Decoration was instituted after Crimean War, 1856. One hundred and twelve were awarded for Crimean campaign; 633 in Great War, 502 for valour on Western Front.
>
> Winners of bar were both R.A.M.C. officers.
>
> 1914-1918.

Shanghai, Jan. 29.

For Pessimists:
A Voice from the Past

To the Editor of the
"North-China Daily News"

Sir,—I wonder if many of your readers saw this letter which recently appeared in "The Times":—

> It is recorded in the Court Circular of December 19, 1899—i.e., just after the black week of the Boer War, that Right Honourable A. J. Balfour had the honour of dining with Queen Victoria at Windsor Castle.
>
> It was no doubt on that occasion that the Queen, who evidently found Mr. Balfour somewhat pessimistic, put fresh courage into him. "Please understand that there is no one depressed in this house. We are not interested in the possibilities of defeat. They do not arise." She, being dead, yet speaketh.
>
> Queen Victoria was a grand, old stalwart, was she not?

Reader.

Shanghai, Jan. 29.

S. V. C. Orders

Officers' Commission—Renewals:—The undermentioned Officers' Commissions are renewed under Art. XI of Corps Regs. Portuguese Company.—Maj. M. F. R. Leitao Dec. 29. Philippine Company.—Capt. H. C. Evangelista Dec. 25. Reserve of Officers "B."—Capt. H. B. Lobb Dec. 15. Promotions:—Corps Headquarters.—2nd Lt. L. C. Smith to be Lt. Jan. 18. Armoured Car Coy.—2nd Lt. J. M. Houghton to be Lt. Oct. 1. 2nd Lt. W. D. Pearson to be Lt. Oct. 1. Appointments:—Light Automatic (A. D.) Company.—Cpl. Reginald Manly-Allatt to be 2nd Lt.—Jan. 16. Transfers:—Lt. R. F. Scott, M.C., Shanghai Scottish Company is transferred to Reserve of Officers "A."—Oct. 17. Reserve of Officers "B"—Temporary Commission:—Temporary Commission of 2nd Lt. granted to Mr. S. O. Thorley March 10, lapses with effect from the return of Lt. H. Graham from leave Dec. 24.

Unit Command:—2nd Lieutenant C. J. Langley will assumes command of American Company with effect from Jan. 20, during the absence on leave of Lieutenant W. M. Awad.

Officers—Return from Leave:—Chinese Company.—Lieutenant H. E. Yu returned from leave Jan. 22. Reserve of Officers "B"—Lieutenant W. E. Holland returned from leave Jan. 20.

1937 Emergency Medal:—Reference Appendix "A" to C.R.O. No. 26, dated 27-6-38, the following addition will be made:—Under Shanghai Scottish Company add:—Private A. Reid.

Long Service Medal—Awards:—The undermentioned has been awarded the medal for Long Service:—Corporal Y. D. Chang, Active 1923-1931; Reserve 1932-1939. The undermentioned has been awarded 1st Bar to the Medal for Long Service:—Lieutenant A. T. Wong—Reserve 1934-1939.

Amendments:—Reference C.R.O. No. 3, para 12, dated Jan. 22, 1940. Weapon Training—Classification (Rifle):—American Machine Gun Company.—Delete—Pte. E. L. Aumann; Substitute—Pte. P. Aumann.

Strength:—Increase:—The undermentioned are taken on the strength of the Corps as under:—Corps Cavalry:—American Troop.—Tpr. G. R. Gregg Jan. 22. Corps Troops:—Signals Company—Signalmen B. V. Socoloff Jan. A. Hubinski Jan. 24. S. Baryszewski Jan. 24. D. Borodin Jan. 24. A. Mahler Jan. 25. Transport Company.—Privates I. M. Alexeyeff Jan. 23. R. V. W. Crank Jan. 24. "A" Battalion:—"B" Company.—Pte. F. Richards Jan. 22. Jewish Company.—Pte. J. E. Jacob Jan. 24. Decrease:—The undermentioned are taken off the strength of the Corps as under:—"A" Battalion:—Scottish Company.—Pte. L. D. M. Beattie Jan. 25. Jewish Company.—Pte. W. Schonfeld Jan. 25. "B" Battalion:—Portuguese Company.—Pte. Jose A. Llora Nov. 2.

Leave:—Corps Headquarters.—Captain P. W. Ingmer from 17-10-39 to 17-3-40. Captain F. J. W. Focken extension of leave from 1-3-39 to 30-4-40. American Company.—Lieutenant W. M. Awad from 20-1-40 to 7-2-40. Philippine Company.—Captain H. C. Evangelista extension of leave from 20-11-39 to 30-4-40. Reserve of Officers "B."—Lieutenant S. Godkin extension of leave from 7-12-39 to 6-5-40.

British Airmen Take Nazi Plane to Bits
Automatic Self-Sealing Petrol Tanks Found

Stripped to the last nut and bolt, the Heinkel bomber which the R.A.F. shot down over the Lammermuir Hills in Scotland on October 28, has given up all its secrets to the British Air Ministry, says the News Chronicle."

Its most remarkable feature is a special "bullet-proof" petrol tank of the self-sealing type. A machine-gun bullet can pass right through it without any petrol escaping. The bullet-holes automatically seal over.

The tanks were taken from the wrecked Heinkel's wings and thoroughly examined by R.A.F. engineers, who now know every detail of their construction.

Each tank is said to be beautifully made with an inner container of suitcase-fibre surrounded by the finest quality buckskin leather and a final outer-coating of rubber. This is then fitted into a vulcanized box.

No Carburetters

The workmanship is of the best and there is no trace of skimping in the use of "ersatz" materials.

No doubt it is because of these tanks that some of the Heinkels have been able to withstand so much fire from R.A.F. fighters.

Another interesting discovery made from the examination of the Heinkel is that the engines have no carburetters. The fuel is injected into the cylinders by pressure pumps. One of the engines which was salvaged is now running satisfactorily and undergoing scientific tests.

Epidemics Feared in Scandinavia

Stockholm, Jan. 29.

Fearing that the putrefaction of thousands of unburied bodies on the Finnish front may cause an epidemic when the spring thaw comes, Dr. Herrlin, chief of the Swedish Public Health Service, inaugurated a campaign here yesterday for vaccination and innoculation against smallpox, cholera and similar maladies.—United Press.

Seventy Years Ago

From the "North-China Daily News," of January 30, 1870

In order to give our Chinese employes their usual New Year holiday, we shall be unable to publish the "North-China Daily News," on Monday. All Sunday night will be spent in feasting, and neither pressmen nor coolies will come up to time on Monday morning. By Tuesday morning, they will have got partially over the excitement, and we shall then be able to resume publication.

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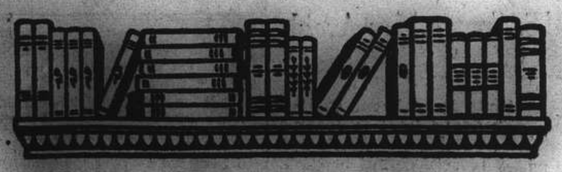


THE BOOK PAGE

Search Into Mysteries

EXPERIMENTS IN PSYCHICS By F. W. Warrick. With 660 illustrations. Rider, London. 30/-.

As the author mentions in his foreword, this book is not intended for the general public but for experienced students of psychic phenomena. The reviewer does not pretend to belong to the latter class, having been interested in so-called psychic phenomena only for a couple of years until he gave it up. There is little doubt that we know very little about the mysteries that surround us, but it is the opinion of the reviewer that they are out of reach of ordinary human beings such as we are, and that all attempts to fathom them have been practically fruitless or marred by most despicable frauds.

Mr. F. W. Warrick has devoted a tremendous amount of time and work, over a period of several years, for the purpose of investigating Direct Writing and Psychic Photography, carried out with a certain medium, Mrs. D. The author believes that the said medium possesses telepathic power and the faculty of direct writing. During his many years of experiences of every kind, Mr. Warrick took several thousand photographs, generally by flash-light; over 600 of these photographs are reproduced in his remarkable work.

Childish Frauds

It is unfortunate that many of these photographic documents (which do not include the presence or the assistance of Mr. Warrick's usual medium, but were made in other circumstances) demonstrate only too clearly the existence of very childish frauds, especially in the case of alleged "apparitions" of dead people while the medium is in the state of trance. The author agrees that a great deal of suspicion should be attached to such documents. Such pictures, called "extras" in Mr. Warrick's book, show, surrounded by some kind of cloud, the faces of men or women, young or old, which are nothing else than enlarged cuttings from photographs of the deceased, made when they were alive; the mysterious "clouds" are just plain cotton-wool. Mr. Warrick does not deny that many fraudulent tricks are employed by professional mediums, but his contention is that the conscientious students of psychic phenomena must precisely find out—to quote the author's words in his preface:

> ....if these extras seem to be the products either of unbelievable willingness and ability to cheat or of some abnormal faculty possessed by special mediums to operate outside of the laws of time and space as we know them.

Sound Advice

However great have been the efforts of hundreds of students interested in psychical research, one must be careful, as Professor Charles Richet very often said to the reviewer, "*de ne pas prendre ses désirs pour des réalités.*" Such is, unfortunately, the case as a rule. Collective and self-suggestion play a considerable part throughout all experiences of that kind, and unscrupulous mediums—who make quite a living in that manner—do not hesitate, when their so-called powers are at a low ebb, to resort to the most childish trickeries.

The late Houdini, one of the greatest conjurers and "magicians" who ever existed, boasted many times that he was willing to reproduce any of the so-called apparitions and supra-natural phenomena presented by people pretending to be capable of causing psychic phenomena.

However, Mr. Warrick's tremendous effort is a very remarkable one and his book should be recommended to all those who are interested in such kind of researches.—E.d'A.

Intricate Business

THE ENGLISH CABINET SYSTEM By Wangteh Yu, Ph.D. King, London. 18/-.

This book, as the author says in his prefatory note, is the outcome of a thesis he wrote on "The English Cabinet 1868-1917" at the London School of Economics and Political Science, University of London. The book is divided very conveniently into chapters which deal with the various aspects of the Cabinet in the making and during its existence, which chapters are again sub-divided into parts which allow of a very complete analysis of the system. There is a great deal of vastly interesting matter, but there is no denying that a good deal of it makes somewhat heavy reading and not what might be called a bedside novel, but it will make a valuable book of reference. Numerous Ministries are specially dealt with, and the material collected must have entailed an enormous amount of painstaking research. The conclusion the author comes to at the end of the first chapter entitled "The Formation of a Cabinet" is that the making of a Cabinet is a rather more complicated and intricate business than one would imagine and that no more formidable task confronts a Prime Minister than the construction of a Cabinet. Sir Robert Peel described it as the hardest task that could fall upon any Minister.

The position of the Prime Minister is discussed at length and to anyone unversed in the political world it is certainly an eye-opener to read what is here written. It may not be generally known that it was not until 1917 that the office of Prime Minister was recognized by law, and it was for this reason that the Premier generally took another office for the purpose of receiving a salary.

Leakage of Secrets

It is impossible in reviewing a work of this nature to touch upon any but very few of the various aspects of the matter dealt with. Mr. Wangteh Yu has dealt with his subject most exhaustively and his attention to detail leaves nothing to be desired. There are innumerable references given in verification of statements and quotations, and the whole volume constitutes a mine of most valuable information on a subject of which it is fairly safe to say the average reader knows little or nothing. "The Leakage of Cabinet Secrets" is one of the sub-headings in the chapter dealing with "The Internal Constitution of the Cabinet." It is rather a shock to learn that during the "Great War" the leakage assumed such dimensions that it was found necessary to stop it by adding a new amendment to the Defence of the Realm Act. To all students of political science this treatise should prove not only interesting but valuable, and a good deal of it is of no little human interest to the ordinary member of the public who does not necessarily aspire to become an expert.—R.F.C.M.

Pelican Books

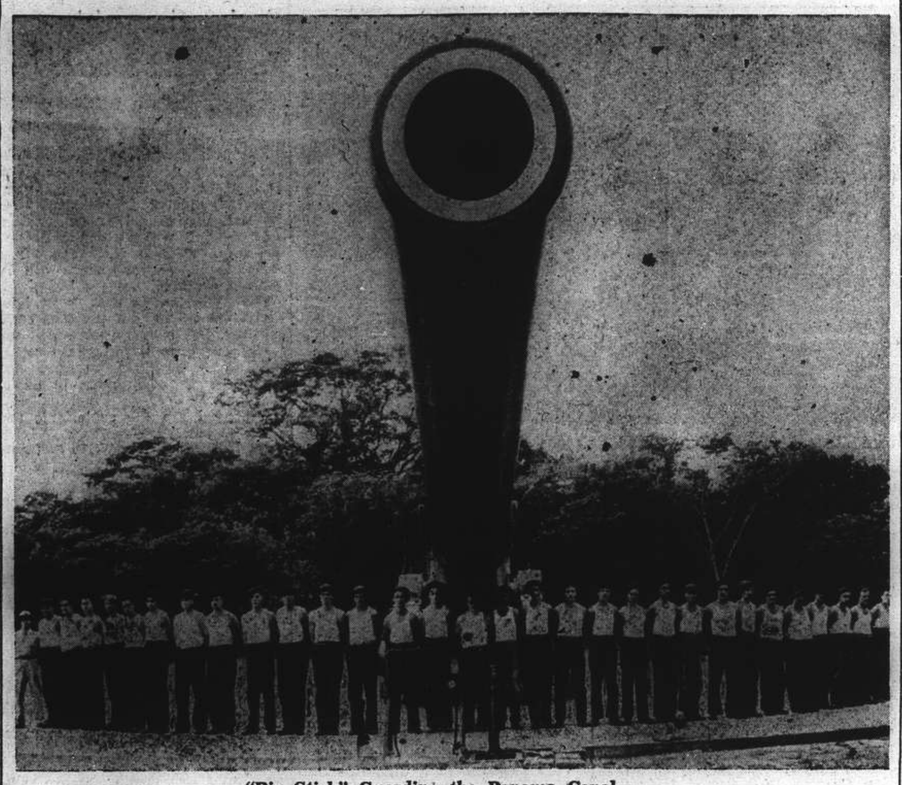
The war does not seem to have diminished the admirable activities of Penguin Books Ltd., and it is pleasant to welcome once more the rather more learned cousins of the Penguins, the Pelicans, in their bright blue jackets. Here is the second volume of **"The Letters of Gertrude Bell,"** edited by Lady Bell, of which there is another volume to come. That Gertrude Bell was a fascinating as well as a great personality is evident from these letters—it is difficult to put them down. They may, as it is claimed, constitute one of the most enlightening records of the Arabs that has been written, but this Political Secretary to the High Commissioner in Bagdad, besides knowing the Arabs through and through, was also a woman of wit, and her letters enchant as well as enlighten. **"Great English Short Stories"**—Defoe to Dickens—have been selected by John Hampden. Lord Samuel describes his **"Belief and Action"** as "an everyday philosophy," and Professor Einstein says of Lord Samuel, "This man speaks as a doctor of the soul." Holbrook Jackson's **"The Eighteen Nineties"** was first published in 1913 and this is its ninth edition; "Shocking as a Fine Art," "Purple Patches and Fine Phrases," "The New Dandyism," are some of the essays, and Kipling, Bernard Shaw, Beardsley, Oscar Wilde are some of the personalities dealt with. The second volume of **"History of the English People"** (Epilogue: 1895-1905) by Élie Halévy, has now been published. **"Essays of a Biologist,"** by Julian Huxley, will teach the scientifically-minded a great deal without inducing brain fag. **"The Stars in Their Courses,"** by Sir James Jeans, contains some fine astronomical photographs, and, like Mr. Huxley, Sir James is never tiring. A book specially written for this series (in two volumes) is **"Philosophy and Living,"** by Olaf Stapledon, and this again is written for those who have little experience of philosophy but who want to know what it is about and what bearing it has on the business of living in the modern world. One of the most striking books of the new batch, although not in a very cheerful way, is Margery Spring Rice's **"Working-Class Wives—Their Health and Conditions,"** based on the data collected by the Women's Health Enquiry Committee. This is a book which will bear study by all who are interested in bettering the conditions under which the poor live. The size of the Pelican Books and the price (sixpence) will fit most pockets.

New Fiction

A father who returns after 20 years' voluntary absence has not much call to grumble at the way his wife has brought up their son. Nevertheless, Mr. Paul Trent writes sympathetically in **"From Father to Son"** (Ward Lock, London. Colonial Edition. 3/6) of how Gilbert Nash, finding his son Wilmot has become somewhat of a prig, manages to mould him nearer to his heart's desire, with the full approval of his mother. The successful efforts of the actor father to cut his son loose from his mother's apron strings are pleasantly described. —D.P.

One always awaits with keen anticipation the next Western from Peter Field, and it may be said that his latest to arrive in Shanghai, **"Canyon of Death"** (Ward Lock, London. Colonial Edition 3/6), fully comes up to the standards he set in previous stories. Here Ken Mulline returns to the ranch left by his father to him and his brother after some years spent in other parts. Meanwhile, the younger brother has increased his herds and is jealous of Ken, because he thinks that he will have to share with him. The younger brother is unwittingly in the toils of a crook who means, by forcing a marriage with his "sister," to obtain possession of the splendid ranch and a considerable sum in cash. The youth loves the girl, but she does not return his affection, but, instead, falls in love with Ken on his return. This in short forms the basis of the plot, which the author has developed with such skill that one is loath to set aside the book without finishing it during a single evening. Of course there is the usual abundance of gunplay. Easily one of the best Westerns to have reached here in many months. —P.L.M.

"Whispering Mountain" (Ward Lock, London. Colonial Edition 3/6) by John R. Winslowe, takes its name from a height which by reason of geographical and physical situation brings a whisper to the volume extended by a loud-speaker—much the same as the echo in the "Return of the Cisco Kid," in which Warner Baxter recently starred at the Grand Theatre. This Western is one of the most vivid novels that has appeared in Shanghai for some months, and the reviewer places himself on record in stating that, begun at 9 p.m. it will be finished by midnight. The action flows smoothly and is without the breaks in plot that sometimes characterize Wild West books. Several unique features such as, in one instance, dynamiting a stage coach, make for general excellence. Hanny Brandt, division boss of a Nevada stage line with its terminus in California, goes to Shoshone to foil highwaymen who have been in the habit of robbing the company's vehicles. Ranchers, who are unaware of his real work, suspect him of being untrue to their ideals and place every obstacle in his way. Love enters, however, and the sister of three strong men manages to bring them and Hanny into an agreement. A thrilling gun battle provides a sufficing climax.—P.L.T.



"Big Stick" Guarding the Panama Canal

An impressive view of one of the 16-inch guns forming part of the defence system of the Panama Canal with its crew lined up ready for action. There are many of these guns at strategic points of the isthmus but their whereabouts are a closely guarded secret.

Canada's Wartime Efforts

Nation Organized and Mobilized to Make Maximum Contribution in Support of Allied Forces

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

"UPON the foundations prepared by the Government, and so speedily laid by Parliament, we are developing Canada's war efforts," declared Mr. W. L. Mackenzie King, Premier of Canada, in a recent radio talk addressed to the people of Canada, in which he detailed the organization of Canada's war effort as part of a programme by the Canadian Government to share with the man in the street the problems arising out of the intricate changes from peace-time activities to war-time efficiency.

"Our actions have been controlled by the belief that, if we are to avoid errors of hasty and confused action, such as led to needless sacrifice of blood and treasure in the last war, the foundations must be well and truly laid. In what promises to be a long and exhausting struggle, our contribution will be all the more effective for careful planning. Modern war is a grim business. It demands cool judgment and a balanced strategy."

The most effective contribution Canada can make in support of the allies is certain to differ greatly from the contribution made in the last war, Mr. King declared. "Our contribution to economic welfare may easily prove to be the most important of all," he said. "This is widely recognized in Great Britain where leading economic journals have suggested that in addition to our traditional part as the granary of the Commonwealth, Canada may also become its arsenal. Our relative security from the hazards of air bombing, together with our relative nearness to Europe, continue to point in this direction."

The Premier further enlarged on this subject by quoting the words he had uttered at the recent session of Parliament wherein he said that "Canada is, of all non-European countries, the nearest and surest source of supply of these indispensable materials and supplies. It may be said with assurance that a determined national effort to bring our industry and agriculture to the point of highest efficiency, and to keep them at that high level, will be of the utmost importance to the common cause."

In modern warfare, stated Mr. King, the emphasis has shifted from crude man-power to material resources and technical skill. The equipments of war are not only increasingly costly to produce, but they are required in ever greater quantities. War has an ever growing appetite for munitions of all kinds and troops require shelter, clothing and foodstuffs. "In order to have the tremendous quantities of supplies available at the right time, and in the right place," he said, "it is imperative that the economic life of Canada be reorganized, but not disorganized.

The economic forces of the country require to be mobilized, just as the armed forces are mobilized. This task can be performed, in the main, only by the national government. Its adequate performance, however, demands the co-operation of provincial and municipal authorities as well as of business, labour, the farmers and other primary producers, and of voluntary organizations of all kinds."

Canada Able to Meet Demands

Mr. King further emphasized the urgent necessity of a constant supply of munitions and equipment, and the ability of Canada, both industrially and geographically, to meet these needs in large measure. "Canada's capacity to produce the sinews of war—munitions and military supplies of all kinds, as well as essential foodstuffs—is far greater than it was in 1914," he declared. "Our financial machinery also has developed. We have far more effective means of mobilization of our industrial and agricultural resources."

A War Supply Board was appointed by the Canadian Government, he said, to undertake the task "of organizing and mobilizing the nation's resources and industries, and dealing with the problems involved in the handling of supplies, the construction and extension of defence projects, and the approval of contracts for equipment and supplies required by all three branches of our armed forces." This Board has also been appointed by the British Government as its purchasing agent in the Dominion for supplies for the United Kingdom.

Without a wisely-planned apportioning of our financial resources, neither Canada's military forces nor her industrial and agricultural resources could be put to work for the defence of our cause, stated Mr. King in further enlarging on the financial aspect of war. "Internally and externally, we are, today, in a much better position, than was the case in 1914, to control our finances, and to ensure that the economic burdens of the war are shared equitably by all citizens."

The Premier itemized the different steps taken including the War Budget, the recent short-term loan and the setting up of a complete system of exchange control to "control Canada's financial resources and particularly her supplies of foreign exchange."

Other economic steps taken by the Government have included the appointment of a board to prevent hoarding, profiteering, and undue rise in prices of necessities; a board to direct and co-ordinate the production of essential foods and fibres; a board to license shipping; and a board to "study economic problems as they arise during the war and to advise the government, from time to time, in connection with the co-ordination of the work of government boards and agencies operating in the economic field." Measures have also been taken to ensure the internal security of Canada, registration of aliens, protection against sabotage and espionage, effective censorship and the use of voluntary services for war work.

Industries More Diversified

"Our industries are many fold greater and more diversified than they were in 1914, and so we should have less difficulty in providing our weapons and war equipment. Our population is greater. We have had the benefit of the training given us by war experienced officers and many of these are available to help both in the field and, equally important, in the great task which must be carried out at home." In these words, delivered on the occasion of the laying of a foundation stone for a memorial gymnasium at McGill University, Montreal, to the memory of Sir Arthur Currie, commander of the Canadian army corps in the Great War, Maj.-Gen. A.G.L. McNaughton, before he left for France, compared Canada's preparedness for the conflict in this war with conditions in 1914. "On the whole," he said, "we start under somewhat more advantageous circumstances than in 1914. Time is on our side, and there is no undue haste. Further we have the priceless heritage of the accomplishments of the Canadian Corps, which is an inspiration Canada has never had before."

Maj.-Gen. McNaughton, who commands Canada's first contingent of troops overseas, won promotion on the field from major to brigadier-general with the Canadian forces and was closely associated with the late Sir Arthur Currie. For the past four years he was president of the National Research Council and only relinquished his scientific work to answer the call to arms of his country.

Associated with Maj.-Gen. McNaughton in the senior positions in the First Canadian Division, are officers who have, in practically all cases, had experience in the Great War, many of them having risen from the ranks. Most of them wear medals for gallantry on the field while one of them, Brig. G.R. Pearkes, wears the much-coveted Victoria Cross. The democratic spirit which has made possible the rise of "rankers" to senior positions in Canada's war-time army, is further indicated by an announcement by Mr. Norman McL. Rogers, Canadian Minister of National Defence, who recently stated that promotions and commissions in Canada's war-time army would only be granted on the basis of merit and not through personal or political influence. "Enlisted men are entitled to feel that merit will open a clear path of promotion to commissioned ranks," he stated.

Similarly, announcement was made that "political preference was to have no place in expenditures arising from the mobilization and training of the Canadian Forces." This announcement was in strict accord with the statement made by the Prime Minister, Mr. W. L. Mackenzie King, that political preferences or personal favouritism would not be tolerated in Canada's war effort.

Veterans of the Great War, who are physically unfit to withstand the rigours of modern warfare, are, however, given an opportunity by the Canadian Government to assist in the Dominion's war work. An Auxiliary Service has been formed to cater to the welfare of the troops, either in Canada or overseas, in the form of recreational huts, and facilities of an educational and religious nature, as well as sports, canteens and entertainments of various kinds.

Mr. Rogers has laid down the principle that "the service of former members of the forces who are now unable to enlist for active service should be utilized in every way possible." Provision has also been made for the use of the services of various national and local organizations. The officer placed in charge of this Auxiliary Service is Brig. W. W. Foster, President of the Canadian Legion, a branch of the British Empire Service League. In addition to returned soldiers' organizations, the Young Men's Christian Association, the Salvation Army, and other similar bodies, have offered their full co-operation in this work.

National Strength Required

"Speed the plough" should continue to be Canada's war-time motto, in the opinion of Canada's Governor-General, Lord Tweedsmuir, better known internationally as John Buchan, the author. "Ploughshares are far more powerful than swords," he said. "The conflict must be fought with the entire strength of the nation and a great task lies ahead of the Canadian farmers." A review of Canada's agricultural position indicates the nation's strength along these lines.

In the 1914-18 war, Canada increased the area sown to wheat from 10,000,000 acres to 19,000,000 acres. The Dominion commences this war with 26,756,500 acres under cultivation to wheat and 31,535,300 acres to other crops. Furthermore, Canada will be in a better position to supply the British requirements in bacon, fish, meats and other products. A census taken by the Government last summer shows that there were 8,500,000 cattle on Canadian farms, 4,300,000 hogs, 3,400,000 sheep and 62,400,000 poultry.

Cold storage holdings in Canada as late last year included 76,153,342 lbs. of meat, 41,400,000 lbs. of fish, 56,200,000 lbs. of butter, 41,50,000 lbs. of cheese, 13,900,000 lbs. of concentrated milk, 4,500,000 lbs. of dressed poultry and 231,264 tons of potatoes.

While Canada today is but a minor producer of crude petroleum, she stands third highest among Empire countries. The possibilities for expansion, however, are considerable. Production of the Turner Valley oil fields in the foothills of the Canadian Rocky Mountains are estimated to run to a new record of 7,500,000 barrels annually, although operations are curtailed to about one-third capacity. Commenting on Canada's petroleum situation, the Royal Bank of Canada reported that "other fields are believed to exist in Alberta and, compared with the narrow strip 25 miles in length, comprising the present Turner Valley field, it is estimated that no less than 100,000 square miles in Alberta are favourable for oil production."

Recruits from Far and Near

Men are coming from far and near to join the Canadian forces now in training, preparatory to proceeding overseas. A young engineer, employed by an oil company at Lagunillas, the Venezuelan village recently destroyed by fire, paid his own way to Canada to join the Royal Canadian Air Force. Similarly, four young men landed in Montreal recently after a 3,500-mile trek by dog team, whaleboat and steamship from the Eastern Canadian Arctic to join up with the Royal Canadian Artillery. One of the four, a Cambridge University graduate, was attached to the British-Canadian Arctic Expedition, which has been doing exploratory work in the northland for the past three years. Two others are Hudson Bay Company employees and the fourth is a trapper.

Last Year's Nobel Prize Winners

Remarkable Progress in Chemistry Made; Medical Discoveries Also Noted

Five Nobel Prizes for science have been awarded during the past year, and their bestowal raises some interesting points, writes the Scientific Correspondent of the "Manchester Guardian." They are divided among six scientists, three of whom are German. The German Government announced at the time of the award of the Nobel Peace Prize to Herr von Ossietzky that henceforth Germans would not be allowed to accept Nobel prizes, and, according to the German Legation at Copenhagen, this ruling still applies. Two of the three new German prizemen are chemists, and the third is a biologist. The awards show that the effects of Nazi control on science are not yet fully seen, especially in chemistry. The mature chemists who have escaped immediate persecution are still animated by the great intellectual impulse of German chemistry in the century preceding Hitler. The situation will be different twenty years hence, when the ill-educated youth of the present regime will have become candidates for intellectual leadership. But any sudden and complete collapse, especially of chemistry, is not to be counted on.

The prize-winner whose work is of the widest public interest is Professor Gerhard Dimagk, of the Bayer Company at Elberfeld. He is the discoverer of Prontosil, the first of the new drugs which are the most remarkable medical discovery of the last decades. Domagk's results are due to an extension of the method developed by the great Jewish chemist Paul Ehrlich. If certain dyes are introduced into living tissues they are absorbed differently by various parts of the tissues. Some parts are picked out and stained brightly, while others are unaffected. Ehrlich had the idea of finding dyes which would pick out bacteria only. He then attached poisonous arsenic atoms to the dyes in the hope that this would kill the bacteria. He failed in this attack on bacteria, but was rewarded by the tremendous discovery of salvarsan, which would kill the organism that produces syphilis. After Ehrlich's researches it was assumed that bacteria could not be successfully attacked by his method. Ehrlich had supposed that if a dye was to be effective inside the body it must be a disinfectant outside it, like salvarsan, which contains arsenic.

Domagk started a new series of experiments some years ago, in which he discarded this assumption. He tried the effects of a series of dyes on bacteria in the body, irrespective of their effects on bacteria outside the body. He published the discovery of Prontosil in 1935. This is astonishingly effective against streptococcal infections, such as puerperal fever and gonorrhœa. Trefouel, Nitti, and Bovet in France have found that a simpler component of Prontosil, named sulphanilamide, has similar properties, and a variant has been produced in England, M. and B. 693, which is remarkably effective against pneumonia.

Work on Vitamins

The chemistry prize for 1938 has been awarded to Professor Richard Kuhn, who is director of the Kaiser Wilhelm Institute for Medical Research at Heidelberg. He is a pupil of the eminent Jewish chemist Willstätter and is Austrian by birth. He has done a great deal of work on the synthesis of substances leading to the vitamins. He investigated the properties of carotene, the reddish-yellow substance that gives colour to carrots and fresh butter. Vitamin A is made from carotene in the plant. Through these investigations it became possible to synthesise vitamin A. Kuhn has shown himself a great director of research. He never loses sight of his main aim, which is always of a fundamental nature, and avoids all diversion of secondary importance, however fascinating.

Professor Butenandt, who shares this year's prize for chemistry with Professor Ruzicka, of Zurich, has succeeded in determining the chemical constitution of the female sex hormone. Professor Ruzicka has succeeded in synthesising a male sex hormone, and has discovered the general principle of hormone synthesis. These substances, which have such an important part in the working of the body, are now within sight of manufacture and promise cures for disorders springing from glandular deficiency.

The prize for medicine in 1938 goes to Professor Heymans, of Ghent. He has made great contributions to the knowledge of the nervous control of the circulation of the blood.

American Physics

The award of the prize for physics in 1939 to Professor E. O. Lawrence, of the University of California, will be widely popular. He is the inventor of the cyclotron, the machine which produces atomic projectiles of enormous power on the principle of whirling them round and round like a stone on the end of a piece of string and then letting them go. He has accomplished something that looked virtually impossible to the best minds in the same field. With his great machine he has discovered about one hundred and fifty new radioactive substances, and has advanced far towards the manufacture of radium substitutes. He has recently devoted much of his attention to the application of his machine and the new substances manufactured by it to medical problems. Besides being a great scientist, Professor Lawrence is a young and generous man. He has spent much time supplying workers all over the world with materials that only he could make. He is assisted in his researches by his brother, Dr. J. Lawrence, who gave a fascinating account of them at Dundee this year.

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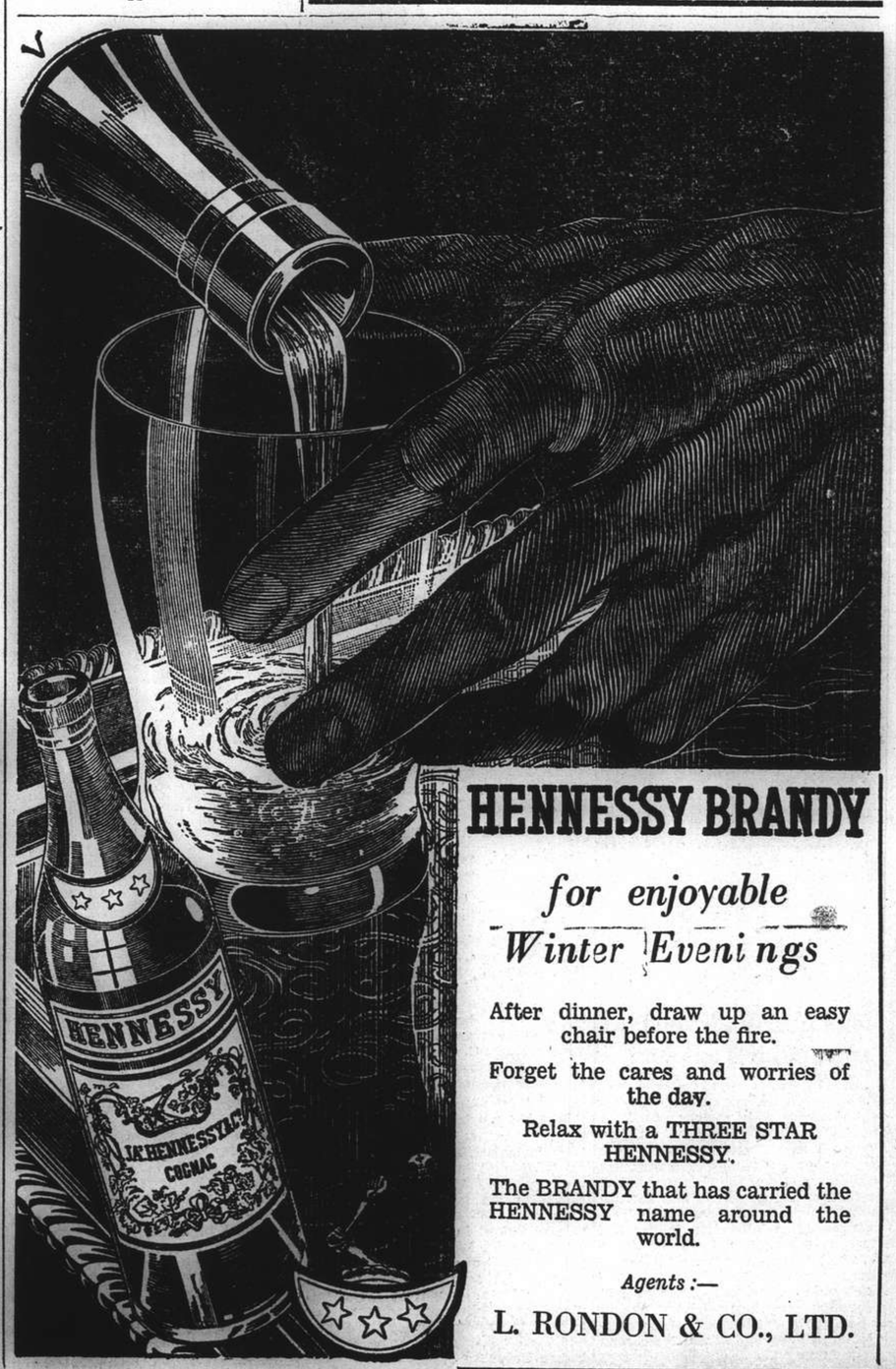

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THE SPORTS PAGE

Shanghai Squash Rackets Knockout Tournament

Four Teams Entering Senior and Six in Junior Division; Race Club "A" and "B" Teams Favoured

WITH the fate of both divisions of the squash rackets league decided and the two postponed matches in the second division due to be played off this week, squash players will be provided with additional fare for the weeks intervening before the championships are played off.

On Tuesday, February, 14, the first matches in a knockout tournament will be started, four teams having signified their intention of entering the Senior Division competition, and six having decided to take part in the Junior Division contest. In view of the small entry, it has been decided to run the competitions off on the double elimination basis, which will give each teams a chance to play twice before being eliminated.

Of outstanding interest is the entry of the Country Club into the contest, with three notable players representing them. R.B. Gotch will transfer from the Oarsmen team to play for the side he has always represented since his appearance in competitive squash in Shanghai and will play at first string for the Country Club, while H. K. Cassels, recently returned from furlough will very probably be second string and H. Martyn Snow will play No. 3 with F.E.T. Marshall and others to make up a very strong side. The entry of the Country Club will be very much welcomed and their team will doubtless show up very well in this competition.

Three Other Entries

The other three teams entered in the Senior Division will be the Race Club, winners of this season's league title, and favoured to win the knockout tournament, although they will doubtless meet with stronger competition in this series. They will rely on the same players who pulled them through the league so well, L. H. Wade, J. W. Pote-Hunt, E. B. Cumine, M. Benavitch and R. D. Parkin. It is expected they will as a result of their evenly balanced side show up very well, but it remains to be seen if the others will be able to unsettle them.

The Foreign Y.M.C.A. will not change their team with D. Green functioning as No. 1 and R. Berglof, T. E. Baker, M. Ginsbourg and J. L. Berglof making up the number. Their fine showing in coming up strongly to contest the lead with the Race Club in the league after being regarded as the weakest team in the competition is still the topic of much conversation in squash racket circles.

The Rowing Club will consolidate as one team, and while they have lost R. B. Gotch and H. M. Snow in their lineup, they will retain the services of L. D. Carson, who will doubtless play as first string followed by W. Neugebauer, G. W. Morris, H. G. Fabian and A. C. Sinclair in the senior team. The Rowing Club are given a good chance to do good things in this competition which on the whole should show some very fine competitive squash.

The opening matches in the first round of this competition in the Senior Division will take place on February 14, when the Race Club meet the Foreign Y.M.C.A. on the Race Club courts, and the Rowing Club plays the Country Club on the Country Club courts. The winners of these matches will play each other on February 20, and the losers will meet on the same day, the venues as yet not being decided. The competition will be completed by March 5, on which date it is expected a large crowd will turn out to witness the finals.

Junior Division Teams

In the Junior Division, there are six teams entered. Here again, as in the first division competition, the Race Club "B" is favoured to win as they won the Second Division title, but here also they will be up against much stronger opposition than they met in the league. The Country Club's entry in the Junior Division will be strengthened by inclusions of players from the Hongkong & Shanghai Bank team who are not entering the senior league and these should figure well in the second division contest, with additions from the Country Club side. The Rowing Club in similar manner will be able to call upon some of the players representing their senior division teams and these in like manner will provide much stiffer competition for the Race Club "B."

Looking over the names of players available for the various teams, it is conceivable that the Race Club will turn out, J. R. Jacob, A. V. Striker, A. G. Norman, J. S. Flood and T. J. Maryas their second division team, while the Rowing Club will have recourse to such players as C. S. Kimber, R. S. L. Frewen, T. O. Schmid, R. Dickinson and E. P. Morphew to represent them. The Foreign Y.M.C.A. will turn out practically the same side in S. T. Berglof, E. J. Sluis, A. E. Lawrence, B. V. de Senna, and G. Botelho in their matches unless some of their older players who in recent months have decided to forego the squash league and tournaments turn out for either the senior or junior competitions, in which case such men as C. J. Smith, J. P. Hawes and J. G. Forbes will displace the existing men in the senior league and R. J. S. Brandt, the evergreen, will don colours for the junior.

British Army Entered

The British Army is another entry for the knockout tournament and this is a side which, if able to turn out a representative team on every occasion, should do well. With Capt. T. S. Powell playing up to form at No. 1 as shown in his last two matches, and Capt. J. R. Cole an inevitable winner at No. 2, they have two sure points in hand. Gen. Keith Simmons has been playing well in No. 3 position and Capt. J. E. Marsh and Lieut. A. C. A. Cater have made up a wellbalanced side when Lieut. D. Henderson and others have not turned out.

Last but not least, the Light Horse under their O.C., H. Maitland, are a team to be considered. They showed up fairly well in the league and are given a good chance to do good things in the knockout tournament. They will field practically the same side as before in H. Maitland, A. A. White, J.G.W. Lewis, G.F.H. Bichard and J. B. Brown for their engagements and should come out well.

And with a thought of the championships to follow, players are asked to send their names in for the Senior and Junior Shanghai Championships, before February 9.

Basketball Play In Foreign Y.

Wasps Put Up Determined Defence Against Wu Tsing But Lose, 37 to 30

Three games were played off last night in the Foreign Y.M.C.A. Invitation Basketball League. In the first contest the Union scored an easy victory over the Chains by 67 to 44. In the second one Wu Tsing won narrowly from the Wasps by 37 to 30 while in the last encounter Paramount defeated the Moore Memorial Church by 47 to 39.

Of the three tussles the one between Wu Tsing and Wasps was most interesting. Play was close all the way except the last five minutes when the winners reeled off two baskets in succession. The Wasps tied the score three times but they lacked the punch to overtake their opponents. The last deadlock stood at 19-all. At that stage Wu Tsing sank two foul throws to get the upperhand and maintained it until the finish.

Wu Tsing	fg.	ft.	f.	pts.
Cheng, f.	2	2	3	6
W. B. Sung, f.	1	0	0	2
Chang, f.	4	1	0	9
Lee, c.	4	2	3	10
T. Cheng, g.	4	0	3	8
Koe, g.	0	0	1	0
P. C. Chen, g.	1	0	1	2
	16	5	11	37

Wasps	fg.	ft.	f.	pts.
Chang, f.	3	2	0	8
Chow, f.	5	2	3	12
Wu, c.	1	1	3	3
Chao, g.	2	1	3	5
Tung, g.	1	0	0	2
	12	6	8	30

Unions Defeat Chains

The Unions proved too strong for the Chains in the second half as they gradually ran wild with the score. Loo and Loh were the chief point-getters, weaving in and out of the opposing defence without too much difficulty. Loo netted a total of nine goals while Loh shot eight. Chou and Sung each gained five. For the losers, Lee was the star with seven baskets to his credit.

Unions	fg.	ft.	f.	pts.
W. Y. Chou, f.	5	1	0	11
Z. K. Loh, f.	8	3	1	18
C. Y. Van, f.	1	0	1	2
P. L. Chang, f.	1	0	1	2
K. Z. Loo, c.	9	2	2	20
Y. K. Chou, g.	2	0	0	4
K. E. Sung, g.	5	0	2	10
D. H. Doo, g.	0	0	1	0
	31	5	8	67

Chains	fg.	ft.	f.	pts.
S. T. Tung, f.	6	3	2	15
C. P. Lee, f.	7	0	1	14
C. T. Hwa, f.	1	0	0	2
K. C. Hu, c.	1	0	4	2
C. Z. Chang, g.	4	1	3	9
K. T. Hu, g.	1	0	1	2
	20	4	11	44

Paramount Win Close Game

Paramount kept themselves in the race for the championship by registering a fifth victory over the Moore Memorial Church. Play was close in the first half but the winners started a spurt in the second period to win comfortably by a final score of 47 to 39.

Paramount	fg.	ft.	f.	pts.
C. Chow, f.	0	3	2	3
V. K. Hyul, f.	3	1	3	7
S. K. Koo, f.	0	0	0	0
Z. L. Zung, c.	9	2	0	20
S. C. Chang, g.	5	0	1	10
L. K. Koo, g.	2	3	1	7
	19	9	7	47

Moore	fg.	ft.	f.	pts.
P. Ling, f.	0	0	1	0
S. W. King, f.	1	0	1	2
W. K. Liang, f.	0	0	0	0
W. C. Shen, c.	4	0	2	8
S. Z. Wong, g.	4	1	0	9
S. Cheng, g.	8	4	1	20
C. Chen, g.	0	0	3	0
	17	5	12	39

Team Standings

The following are the Foreign Y.M.C.A., Twelfth Annual Invitation Basketball League, team standings up to January 29:—

A Division	Won	Lost	Pct.
U.S.M.C. Whites	7	1	.875
Paramount	4	1	.800
"Y" Clubs	6	2	.750
U.S.M.C. Reds	6	2	.750
U.D. Club	6	2	.750
U.S.M.C. Officers	5	3	.625
Wu Tsing	3	3	.500
Union	1	6	.142
Wasps	1	6	.148
Moore Memorial Church	1	7	.125
Chain	0	7	.000

B Division			
"Y" Giants	7	0	1.000
Shanghai Bank	4	1	.800
Kwang Shih	4	2	.666
Cloud	3	3	.500
Woo Kwang	2	3	.400
Aurora	1	4	.200
Killers	1	5	.166
Nan May	1	5	.166

Men's Inter-Club Ten Pins League Play Tonight

Competition in the men's Inter-Club Ten Pins League will get under way tonight with matches in both the "A" and "B" Divisions. It was made known yesterday that the Acorns of the Columbia Country has withdrawn from the League owing to sickness of one player and absence from the city of another. This necessitates an alteration in the fixtures as whenever a team is scheduled to play the Acorns that team draws a bye for the night.

Play will take place Tuesday and Thursday evenings, beginning at 9 p.m. The first round is to be completed on February 13 and the second on February 29.

Western District Boys School Boxing Team

This group of young and midget boxing enthusiasts are to meet the American School boys, at similar weights, in the American School gymnasium on Saturday at 5 p.m. in a series of bouts. Mr. "Billie" Tingle, their instructor, is pictured with his proteges.

Basketball Prizes Presented at "Y"

Headquarters Second Team Lose Only One Game; High Point Players Get Trophies

The schedule of 91 games in the Navy "Y" Consolation basketball league which began on December 5 was finished on Saturday evening. At a dinner prizes were presented.

Headquarters 2nd team won the League having lost one game to F Co., who finished 9th in the League. The Marine Second Brigade Cup was presented to Cpl. Reper by Cpl. Winchester who was on the winning "E" Co. team of a year ago. Nine members of the squad each received a silver basketball.

All the members of the Marblehead squad were present having tied for second place with the Headquarters 4th team; both teams having lost three games. Garman of the Marblehead, was presented with a gold basketball as the individual prize for the highest average of points per game which was 12.75 points.

Not Single Time-out

Of the Italian Navy team, the coach was present with one of their players, Caprotti, who was presented with a silver basketball which was the prize for the second highest average points per game, which was 11.77 points. Mention was also made that during the entire schedule of games, the Italian Navy team did not ask for a single time-out.

Mention was also made at the dinner that the highest points per single game was made by Sutton of M.T., which was 26 points. Mention was also made of the fine sportsmanship shown by the Philippine Co., S.V.C., team which played twelve games and lost them all, winning the 13th by default.

After officially thanking the referees of whom there were seventeen, for their prompt and efficient service in taking care of this heavy schedule of games, brief mention was made of the service of Jock Reyes of the Chase Bank, who has timed and scored practically all of the 150 games that were played at the Navy "Y" in the Cates and Consolation Leagues.

After appropriate remarks were made by Lieut. Robertshaw and the coach of the Italian Navy team, announcements were made of the Winter "Wind-Up" Basketball League for the American Legion Trophy, and also of the Inter-Battalion Free Throw Competition and the National Y.M.C.A. Free Throw Competition.

Opening of Ladies Ten Pins League

Foreign Y. Beat Marine Five; Mrs. Malleck's 541

The Women's Sports Section of the Foreign Y.M.C.A. opened the season's ten pins competition with a 3-0 victory over the Marine Ladies last night. Mrs. A. Malleck proved an able leader with a good triple of 541. She showed steady form in the first two games, making singles of 196 and 192 respectively.

In another contest between two teams from the Columbia Country Club, the Blues beat the Reds by the odd game in three. The latter took the first string but the ultimate winners improved considerably in the remaining games and won by fairly comfortable margins.

Full results follows:—

FOREIGN "Y" W.S.S. 3; MARINE LADIES 0

(W.S.S.)

Mrs. Sobel	137	93	135	355
Mrs. Mortimer	144	115	162	421
Mrs. Bojesen	112	124	109	345
Mrs. Collaco	122	166	159	447
Mrs. Malleck	196	192	153	541
	701	690	718	2,109

(MARINE LADIES)

Mrs. Allen	117	129	118	364
Mrs. Hommel	137	100	104	341
Mrs. Johnston	112	102	—	214
Mrs. Nelson	126	151	138	409
Mrs. Kuhn	114	157	138	409
Mrs. Stuart	—	—	118	118
	609	639	616	1,861

C.C.C. BLUES 2; C.C.C. REDS 1

(BLUES)

Mrs. Gray	126	190	149	465
Mrs. Bourne	117	130	150	397
Mrs. Dalton	137	138	130	405
Mrs. Cardwell	133	136	137	406
Miss McIntyre	139	167	182	488
	652	761	748	2,161

(REDS)

Mrs. McDonnel	170	185	126	481
Mrs. Hale	137	155	142	434
Mrs. Gregor	153	124	111	—
Mrs. Frendorf	138	130	119	382
Mrs. Geibel	145	142	188	475
	738	736	686	2,160

Quist New Australian Tennis Champion

Sydney, Jan. 29.

Adrian Quist, ranked second to John Bromwich in the Australian tennis world, captured the Australian title today by defeating the veteran, Jack Crawford, in straight sets — 6-3, 6-1, 6-2.

Crawford failed to repeat his form of yesterday, which enabled him to upset all predictions by eliminating the holder, Bromwich, without much difficulty, the score being 6-4, 6-1, 9-7.

Quist was never extended, and won as he liked, being all times master of the situation.

The women's title went to Miss Nancy Wynne, who beat Miss Thelma Coyne by 5-7, 6-4, 6-0.—Reuter.

Shanghai Badminton League Games

Country Club Beat C.S.F. "B;" Sokol Loses to C.S.F. "A"

Home teams had a poor day in the Men's Doubles Division of the Badminton League yesterday when visiting sides triumphed by nine games to nil in both encounters played. While the Country Club scored their first victory in the competition at the expense of the C.S.F. "B," the C.S.F. "A" disposed of the Sokol side without much difficulty. Last night's play marked the close of the first round in the Men's Doubles, with the exception of a single meeting tomorrow between the Sokols and the Union Church on the former's courts.

Though the French Club juniors lost every game they did not have much luck, as in five of the games they reached 12 points or more before their Country Club opponents could triumph. Read and Bates specially did not have too easy a time in taking the measure of Clark and Scott by 15-13, 15-1, 15-13.

The combination of Chaillan and Popple also extended Barraclough and Duff in the first and third games, which went to 15-12 and 15-13 respectively. The third pair of Beeching and Ewing gained the most convincing win of the encounter, but even they could not prevent Arnig and Elster from taking 12 points in the second game.

Matters were definitely more one-sided at the Sokol gymnasium as the French Club seniors did not waste many points. Berents and Meise won their match in quick time with the loss of only five points. Ivanchenko and Petroff made the best showing among the Sokol couples, their rally just failing against Flood and McKinnon in the last game, and dropped the decision by 6-15, 4-15, 12-15. The rout was completed with Jorgensen and Hansen scoring easily at the expense of Nestavin and Kotliaroff.

Italy's Fencing Champion Dies in Rome

Rome, Jan. 29.

The death at the age of 46, was announced here today of Nedo Nadi world famous Italian fencing champion and President of the Italian Fencing Federation.

During his career, the deceased had won many international victories and gave distinguished performances at several Olympic games.—Havas.

Prince Attends Sports Meeting

Tokyo, Jan. 29.

Prince Yusuhito Chichibu, Patron of the Meiji Shrine National Meeting, will attend two of the events of the meeting in February, it was announced today. Accompanied by Princess Setsuko Chichibu, he will attend a skating event at Tadenoumi, Kamisuwa, in Nagano Prefecture, starting on February 2, and a skiing tournament near Takada in Niigata Prefecture, starting on February 8.—Domei.

Shanghai Golf Club

The February Monthly Cup will be played for on Saturday and Sunday, at Seekingjao. Conditions 18 Holes Medal, "A" Class Scratch to 12, "B" Class 13 to 24.

Two Skottowe Cup Competitions

Postponed Games to Be Played Over Week-end; First Division Matches

The two postponed games in the second round of the Skottowe Cup competition feature this week-end's programme of football matches, according to an announcement made yesterday by the Shanghai Football Association. On Saturday afternoon the Association Sportive Francaise will meet the East Surreys at the Racecourse while on Sunday Clube Lusitano will play Tung Hwa at Kiaochow Park.

Two matches in the First Division will also be played off during the week-end as the Seaforth Highlander are to oppose the Publie and Thomas Hanbury on Saturday on the Racecourse and the League-leading Lido are scheduled to clash with the Police on Sunday morning at the Canidrome.

Junior Category

Of the matches in the junior category the meeting of Lido and Seaforths stands out as the most important contest. The Chinese are now tied with the Surreys for leadership and a victory over the Scots will probably give them the title of the Reserve Division.

Fixture List

The complete fixtures follow:—

SATURDAY

Skottowe Cup 2nd Round:—A.S.F. *v.* Surreys, R.G.1 2.30 p.m.

Tsz Ling Cup Semi-finals:—3 Cults. *v.* Italian Navy, Kiaochow 3 p.m.

1st division:—P.T.H. *v.* Seaforths, R.G.2

Reserve division:—S.M.P. *v.* Tung Hwa, Kiaochow 1.40 p.m.; Surreys *v.* Lusitano, R.G.5.

2nd division:—Sokol *v.* U.T.P. Aurora; J.R.C. *v.* Row. Club, S.R.C.

SUNDAY

Skottowe Cup 2nd Round:—Lusitano *v.* Tung Hwa, Kiaochow 3 p.m.

Tsz Ling Cup Semi-finals:—Area Details *v.* Maccabi, R.G.2 2.30 p.m.

1st division:—S.M.P. *v.* Lido, Canidrome 10.30 a.m.

Reserve division:—Lido *v.* Seaforths, Kiaochow 1.40 p.m.; P.T.H. *v.* S.R.C., R.G.1.

3rd division:—Oarsmen *v.* Tung Wen, R.G.5.

Boxing Competitions To Be Held Saturday

Western District School Will Meet Americans

The fifth annual competition for the Mercury Press Challege Cup will be held on Saturday, 5 p.m., in the American School gymnasium, when the holders, the Western District Boys School, will meet the American lads. Weights will range from 50 lb. to 109 lb., and there will be thirteen contests.

The Western District Boys have won three out of four previous competitions, but it is reported that the hosts have been training vigorously and are determined to give the holders stiff competition in all of the bouts.

Appended are the contestants and a list of officials:—

S. A. S. (Red)	W. D. S. (Blue)
TWO-ONE MINUTE ROUNDS	
Michael Kan 50 lb. *v.*	John Law 50 lb.
Michael Palmer 64 lb. *v.*	Michael Hendry 63 lb.
John Hendry 62 lb. *v.*	David Law 59 lb.
Sonny Harkson 64 lb. *v.*	Eric Neumann 61 lb.
Colin Rosse 69 lb. *v.*	Edward Ezra 68 lb.
Walter Palmer 76 lb. *v.*	Raymond Johnson 73 lb.
THREE-1¼ MINUTE ROUNDS	
Bill Putnam 91 lb. *v.*	Anthony Balch 94 lb.
Robin Henningsen 76 lb. *v.*	Christopher Day 74 lb.
Jerry Tinling 74 lb. *v.*	Robert Lee 72 lb.
Billy Kan 77 *v.*	Milton Streit 74 lb.
Bobby Steen 81 lb. *v.*	Ian Mackinnon 81 lb.
John McDonnell 90 lb. *v.*	Gordon Young 95 lb.
Herbie Gallop 109 lb. *v.*	Rey Ling 109 lb.

OFFICIALS

Referee: P. Duffy

Judges: T. F. Mullahey. D. Ross and P. Kwok

Timekeepers: H. B. Gallop and H. V. Bernard.

Japanese Facing Rice Shortage

American Figures Show Crops Below Average

Washington, Jan. 29.

Japan faces an "acute shortage of rice" this year and, as a result, will probably import 3,000,000 lb., which would be the largest imports in the history of the country, the Department of Agriculture reported here yesterday on the basis of information received from its Shanghai office.

The shortage resulted from a very small Korean crop, a poor Formosan crop and the smallest carry over in Japan in two decades, the report said. The Department estimated that the Korean harvest is 40 per cent. below last season. Imports of rice to Japan from China and southern Asia are expected, the report said.—United Press.

U.S. Senate May Avoid Embargo Issue

State Department Content To Leave Issue to Japan

Washington, Jan. 29.

Efforts to sidetrack legislation to impose an embargo on exports to Japan, and instead, extend additional financial aid to China are gaining some headway in the Senate, according to current reports.

These say that the Secretary of State, Mr. Cordell Hull, has informally advised legislative leaders that the State Department preferred that no embargo should be imposed at present. Mr. Hull is represented as being opposed to complication in the present situation following the expiry of the commercial treaty with Japan as the expiration of the treaty automatically meant that Japan must respect the United States' rights if she wishes to continue trading.—Reuter.

Air Firm Official to Go to Bangkok

Tokyo, Jan. 29.

Commander Kikuo Kajiki will leave for Siam next month to begin his duties as head of the Bangkok branch office of the Japan Airways Co. Ltd.

Commander Kajiki, who was an adviser to the Imperial Aviation Society, was asked by the air firm to take charge of the Bangkok branch.

He played an important part in aiding the development of Japanese aviation.—Domei.

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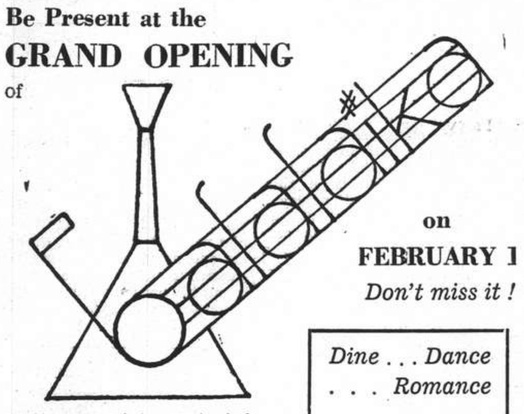
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S'hai Dock & Engineering Company Winds Up

Veteran Shipbuilding Firm Put Into Voluntary Liquidation After 33 Years' Service

AFTER 33 years of existence, the Shanghai Dock & Engineering Co., Ltd., was wound up voluntarily and turned over to the joint liquidators, Messrs. F. N. Matthews and E. F. Hardman, following an extraordinary general meeting of the company yesterday. The company was formed in 1906 when it acquired the assets of Messrs. Farnham, Boyd & Co., a firm whose history is dated back to 1862 with the building of the Old Dock, now Mollers' Wharves.

The liquidators of the company have been authorized to divide the assets of the company among the contributories or they may vest any part of the assets of the company in Trustees upon such trusts for the benefit of the contributories as the liquidators may think fit.

Mr. F. A. Pollock, Chairman, presided at the meeting, supported by Messrs. L. J. Davies, D. Morison, Directors, and Mr. D. R. Glass, secretary. Mr. R. F.C. Master, legal adviser to the company, was in attendance while a total of 5,068 shares were represented.

At the annual general meeting, which took place before the extraordinary meeting Mr. F. A. Pollock, said:—

A copy of the Directors Report and Chairman's Speech of the Shanghai Dockyards, Ltd., was forwarded to you with our Balance Sheet. These deal very fully with the affairs of the Shanghai Dockyards and seem to require little further explanation. I hope you will be satisfied with the Shanghai Dockyards accounts showing a profit of $2,424,472.48, when you consider the conditions prevailing in Shanghai and particularly in Yangtszepoo during the past year. This reflects great credit to the Management and Staff of the Shanghai Dockyards and, I am sure, you would like me to take this opportunity of expressing our appreciation.

Interest and dividends include $1,250,000 received from Shanghai Dockyards, Ltd., being dividends for the year to September 30, 1939.

The appropriation account shows the final dividend for 1938 together with an interim dividend of $4 per share paid on June 1, 1939, and provision for a final dividend of $20 per share, which is recommended by your directors and will be the subject of a resolution later on.

Statistics

The figures shown on the balance sheet do not, I think, call for any particular comment being materially the same as last year. You will notice that we have added to bad debts reserve and have provided in full for doubtful debts, though we anticipate collecting a proportion of those still outstanding. In order to be in a position to pay the dividend of $20 per share we propose to transfer $69,059.89 from the special reserve account to the appropriation account.

The 200 mow of vacant land on the site of the old Cosmopolitan Dock property is still in our hands. We have received no serious cash offers for this property during the year.

Before we pass on to other business I should like to mention that this will probably be our last annual general meeting as immediately after this meeting an extraordinary general meeting has been convened to pass a resolution to put the company into voluntary liquidation.

The Shanghai Dock & Engineering Company was formed in 1906, over 33 years ago, to acquire the assets of Messrs. Farnham, Boyd & Co., which included the Old Dock, the Pootung Point Shipbuilding Works, the International Dock, formerly known as the Oriental Dock, the Tungkadoo Dock, originally known as Muirhead's Dock, and the Cosmopolitan Dock and vacant land known earlier on as Colliers Dock.

An Ancient Establishment

Messrs. Farnham, Boyd & Co.'s history goes back to 1862 with the building of the Old Dock, now Moller's Wharves, so that, in saying goodbye to the Shanghai Dock & Engineering Company, we bid farewell to an Association which is almost as old as Shanghai itself.

Time does not permit me to go into the details of our past history, but, throughout our records, we can trace that determined hardheaded pioneering spirit, which was largely responsible for the founding of this great City.

When the Shanghai Dock & Engineering Co. was formed in 1906, it was rather unkindly referred to as "five holes in the ground" and a few workshops. The public were sceptical of its ever being able to pay any dividends.

As a matter of fact since its inception the Company has never failed to pay a dividend although in its early years, the amount of the dividends was small.

The original capital of the company was 55,200 shares of Tls. 100 each or $7,720,279.73. In 1922 and again in 1929 Tls. 25 per share was refunded and in 1938 a further £1.5.0d. (nominally Tls. 25) was refunded, in other words three quarters of the original capital has already been repaid out of surplus assets. In dividends the company has paid out over $18,000,000. This, I think, gentlemen, is a record to be proud of and is an eloquent tribute to British enterprise, management and engineering skill, and also to those great pioneers of Shanghai's early days, who laid the foundations of this company which has served the community and sea-borne trade of this country for some 78 years.

Many Achievements

Amongst our many achievements are the building of the Holy Trinity Cathedral, the S.V.C. Drill Hall, and part of the Kiangwan Race Club stand.

During the last war some three standard ships were built for the British Government. One of them is still to be seen running between Hongkong and Sandakan under the flag of the Indo-China S.N. Co., Ltd., and now named the Mausang. Gunboats have been built and assembled for the Governments of many nations.

Most of the local river boats and many coasters have at some time or other rested awhile in our docks, or alongside our wharves, for their annual refit.

Looking through the register of directors we find that Melchers & Co., the P. & O., Messrs. Dodwell & Co. and Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., have in most years been represented.

In mentioning the past history of this Company I cannot omit to refer to such great names as Twentyman, Prentice and Burns.

Veterans of the Company

Mr. Twentyman was born in 1843, I have been unable to discover the exact date of his arrival in China but we know that he went home on retirement in 1905. He died at the age of 85 in 1928 and in his obituary notice in the "North-China Daily News" we read "The amalgamation (that is Messrs. Farnham Boyd & Co.) was brought about by Mr. Twentyman's force of character. He was a clever engineer, a financier of great ability, and a very hard working man."

Mr. John Prentice arrived in Shanghai at the end of 1869 at the age of 23. He was chairman for 20 years until his death in 1925—a record of 56 years.

Mr. W. S. Burns arrived in Shanghai in 1899, became manager in 1912, managing director in 1925 and is still on the Board of Directors, completing 41 years of service this year. (I am very sorry he is not with us today).

We go into liquidation only because our *raison d'etre* has ceased to exist and hand over to the Shanghai Dockyards, Ltd., since it has become a public company. Shareholders may, I am sure, be certain that the high standards which have been set by this Company, and its traditions, will be ably maintained by Shanghai Dockyards, Ltd., to whom we assign with confidence the task of carrying on.

The Resolutions

The following resolutions were put to the meeting and carried unanimously:—

That the Directors' Report and Statement of Accounts made up to December 31, 1939 as printed and circularized be and they are hereby adopted and passed—proposed by Mr. F. A. Pollock and seconded by Mr. L. J. Davies.

That the directors be and they are hereby authorized to transfer the sum of $69,039.89 from special reserve to the credit of profit and loss appropriation account and pay a dividend of $20 per share to the shareholders on the register at this date—proposed by Mr. F. A. Pollock and seconded by Mr. D. Morison.

That Mr. F. A. Pollock and Mr. D. Morison be and they are hereby elected directors of the company—proposed by Mr. L. J. Davies and seconded by Mr. R. F. C. Master.

That Messrs. Lowe, Bingham & Matthews be and they are hereby elected auditors of the company for the current year—proposed by Mr. W. Thomson and seconded by Mr. G. Wallace.

Extraordinary Meeting

At the Extraordinary General Meeting Mr. Pollock said:—Gentlemen, with the Shanghai Dockyards, Ltd., becoming a public company and being therefore in a position to issue Shares to you individually, our chief source of revenue, that is, dividends from the Shanghai Dockyards, Ltd., can be sent to you direct, so that the income of this company will be so reduced that your directors consider the time has come for us to close our books forever and to put the Company into voluntary liquidation.

We have long been unable to fulfil the purpose for which this company was formed, that is, the building and repairing of ships, as we handed over our Docks and Machinery to the Shanghai Dockyards, Ltd., in exchange for shares and I trust you will agree with the recommendation of your Directors that the time has come for honourable liquidation. Before putting forward the special resolution referred to in the notice convening this meeting, I propose briefly to explain to you the procedure of the liquidation. Notices will be sent to all shareholders by the liquidators, giving full instructions as to the course to be adopted in the event of the resolution to wind-up being duly passed and copies of these will be available on the table.

It is proposed to appoint Messrs. F. N. Matthews, F.C.A., and E. F. Hardman, C.A., as liquidators at an initial fee of $15,000, with such further remuneration, depending upon the time and work involved, as may be agreed by the committee of inspection which, subject to the passing of the resolution, will consist of Mr. A. H. Matthews of the Hongkong & Shanghai Bank, Mr. H. C. B. Way of the Yangtsze Insurance Association, Ltd., and myself. The liquidators have suggested the provision of such a Committee with whom they may consult, particularly in connection with the sale of our land.

Shanghai Dockyards Shares

Briefly, unless some unseen circumstance arises, it is proposed to allot nine (9) Shanghai Dockyards shares in exchange for each Shanghai Dock & Engineering Co., Ltd., share. This will leave a balance of 3,200 shares unallotted, which will be left in the hands of the liquidators for eventual disposal. The proceeds of course will become part of the remaining assets to be paid out to Shareholders in cash.

Liquidators Certificates will be given to shareholders entitling them to their shares of the remaining assets. Certain formalities have to be completed before Shareholders will be able to obtain their shares in the Dockyards but these are clearly explained in the notice to shareholders issued by the Liquidators who have promised to hasten the procedure as much as possible.

I should perhaps mention here that the Shanghai Dockyards have appointed the Yangtsze Insurance Association, Ltd., as their registrar and transfer agents. This, it is hoped, will be a convenience to shareholders as the office of the Yangtsze Insurance Association, Ltd., is on the 2nd Floor of No. 26 The Bund, a much more accessible locality than the Dockyards office in Yangtszepoo.

As regards our vacant land—known as the Cosmopolitan Dock—this has been in our hands for a long time. We have leased a portion of the waterfront to the Shanghai Dockyards, Ltd., for the berthing of ships and this brings us in a little revenue. We have, however, to pay out a small sum each year of about $9,000 for taxes and sundry expenses such as watchmen's wages. It is a large area, 200 mow, with a frontage of 2,400 feet, which is bunded and has a depth of 24-30 feet at high water. It is an ideal site in many ways and is probably the best unoccupied area of this size with deep water frontage, in proximity to the centre of Shanghai.

Attractive Offer

We have waited a long time for an attractive offer and perhaps our ideas of its value have been on the high side in the past. Today, it is almost impossible to estimate its true value and I can only recommend you to leave it in the hands of the Liquidators in conjunction with your Committee of Inspection to obtain the best terms they can. I would like to stress, however, that it is not intended to sell at a sacrifice price. On the other hand, all genuine offers and enquiries will be welcomed by the Liquidators who appreciate that we do not wish the liquidation to be delayed unnecessarily.

Liquidating Resolution

The following resolutions, proposed by Mr. Pollock and seconded by Mr. S. C. Thomas Sze, were passed:—

That the Shanghai Dock & Engineering Company, Limited be wound up voluntarily and that Frederick Newman Matthews, F. C. A. and Ernest Frost Hardman, C. A. both of 2 Peking Road, Shanghai, be and they are hereby appointed Liquidators jointly and each of them severally for the purposes of such winding-up and that the remuneration of the said Liquidators be fixed at an initial fee of $15,000 and such further fee as may be decided upon by the Committee of Inspection.

That the liquidators may divide among the contributories in specie or kind any part of the assets of the company or may vest any part of the assets of the company in trustees upon such trusts for the benefit of the contributories or any of them as the liquidators shall think fit.

That Frederick Arthur Pollock of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., Archibald Hedley Matthews of the Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corp. and Herbert Castle Barton Way of the Yangtsze Insurance Association, Ltd., be and they are hereby appointed to act as a Committee of Inspection in such winding-up.

Waiting For The Enemy

These Finnish soldiers on the northern front, are dressed in white overalls so as to become inconspicuous from the air. Trained to manœuvre on skiis, they make efficient use of an eight-pound machine-gun particularly adapted to the methods of warfare encountered in forests which cover thousands of miles along the Soviet border. Small patrols like the one shown above, are credited with having slowed up Red advances into the Scandinavian country.

Quezon Survivors to Sail for Manila

All Saved from Philippine Liner Except Ship's Cook

Kobe, Jan. 29.

Survivors of the Philippine steamship President Quezon, which ran aground and sank off the coast of Japan last Saturday, will sail from here this afternoon aboard the ss President Cleveland for Manila, it was learned today.

All the passengers and crew of the President Quezon were saved except the ship's cook, Edward J Walker, who fell overboard and drowned. His body has not yet been recovered.

Captain J. C. Onrubia, skipper of the Quezon, said that his ship, which was on its first voyage as a member of the Philippine Merchant Marine, struck a hidden reef early on Saturday morning. The engine room was filled and the engines were deadened. The ship sank in a few hours. The ship's 22 lifeboats were put off, the Captain said, and were picked up by the Japanese steamer Ukishima Maru, which was standing by. The Ukishima brought the survivors to Kobe.—United Press.

Chungking Circles Evince Interest

Important Developments in Far East Areas Expected by Capital Observers

Chungking, Jan. 29.

The Asama Maru and Wingsang incidents are being watched closely by Chinese circles here.

The blockade of Tientsin and probable developments after the expiry of the American-Japanese trade treaty are also being followed with interest.

With the removal of Germans from the Asama Maru, the examination of a Soviet steamship by H.M. Navy, the search of a British vessel by the Japanese and the uncertainty in the future of trade relations between Japan and the United States, it is generally thought here that important developments may be expected in the Far East, which may have a far-reaching bearing on the international situation.

News of the alleged break-down in Harbin of the conference between Japanese and Soviet delegations on the boundary problem is also attracting a good deal of attention.

Failure of the Tsingtao conference, as alleged by a report, is believed possible, since it is indicated here that the position of Mr. Wang Kehmin (head of the Provisional Government), who has been bitterly opposing Mr. Wang Ching-wei, is now becoming strengthened by defection within Mr. Wang's camp.

It is thought, therefore, that establishment of the proposed new central government under Mr. Wang Ching-wei may again be postponed for some time.—Reuter.

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Watchman and Houseboy Fight After Gambling

5 Shots Fired in Dispute Over Winnings

At the First Special District Court yesterday, a watchman and a houseboy employed by a rich Chinese real estate dealer living at 549 Seymour Road were both charged with attempted murder in which both of them fired during a gambling quarrel on Saturday. Fortunately, however, none of them was hurt but, despite the fact that their lawyers tried to secure bail for them, the judge refused to grant the request and they had to enter detention quarters together pending further investigation.

Police evidence was that as the Lunar New Year gambling fever is spreading, Chao Cheng-deh and Ho Mow-fang, the watchman and houseboy, played "pai chiu" games in a room in the house of their master Mr. Sheng Yen-lin. Mr. Sheng's son, a 13-year old lad was alleged to have also been attracted to the game. They displayed great enthusiasm in the game but a dispute suddenly developed over the question of winnings and the dispute soon developed into a free-for-all.

Watchman Fires a Shot

In a fit of anger, the watchman was alleged to have finally fired a shot with his service pistol. The houseboy was not hurt but, realizing that the situation was dangerous, he was alleged to have dashed up to his adversary, wrenched the gun from him and fired four shots. Miraculously, the watchman escaped unscathed. A public sweeper working near the scene of quarrel quickly reported the matter to a policeman who called the Bubbling Well police who arrived soon to make the arrests.

The watchman denied yesterday that the cause of the fight was due to gambling and explained that he did not wish to kill his houseboy friend. The gun went off itself when he pulled it out, he said. The accused houseboy also denied that he had any intention of killing the watchman, asserting that he had fired four shots into the ground. Two witnesses appeared in court to testify but failed to throw any light on the question as to who actually first fired the shots. The court dispute will have to be settled next week when the young master will be summoned for questioning.

Twenty five other gamblers were brought before the same tribunal yesterday on a writ of detention as the police wanted to investigate whether or not they were involved in any crimes. They were arrested early yesterday morning in a hotel in Yu Ya Ching Road. The police went there for the purpose of finding criminals but instead they caught the gamblers.

Yugoslav Premier Hurt In Train Smash

Belgrade, Jan. 28.

Slight injuries were sustained by the Premier, M. Draguisha Tsvetkovich, and the Finance Minister, M. Choutey, in a railway accident today at a small country station near Rouma on the Zagreb-Belgrade line. The statesmen were travelling together with other members of the Government from Zagreb to the capital when their train collided with a goods train, luckily when both were slowed down near the station. No other statesmen were hurt.—Havas.

Special Municipality Compiling Book

Marking the first anniversary of inauguration, the Government of the Shanghai Special Municipality has completed compilation of a 900-page book containing a comprehensive summary of achievements leading to the establishment of a new order in East Asia, the "Tairiku Shimpo" reported.

The Propaganda Commission of the Municipality will present 20 copies to local authorities. The book is titled "Special Publication on the First Anniversary of the Establishment of the Shanghai Municipality."

Two Strikes Render 1,800 Workers Idle

Two strikes among Chinese workers, both due to dissatisfaction with present wages, were in progress in the western district yesterday.

Some 1,400 employees, mostly women, have been on strike at the China Textile Co. factory, British, in Mokanshan Road, since Friday. The other establishment where work has ceased is the Nyi Sing Rubber Co., Chinese, at 83 Penang Road. Here approximately 400 hands struck on Sunday.

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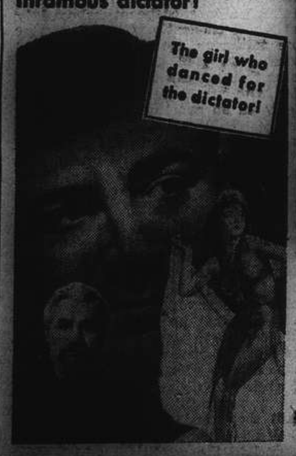

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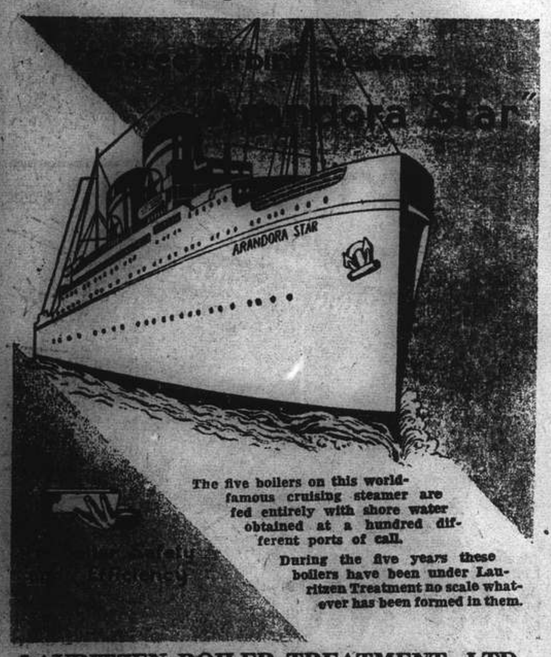

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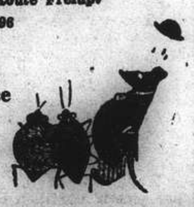

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MACKAY—COSMI.—The engagement is announced between Iver Edward Lavers, eldest son of Mr., and Mrs. E. F. Mackay, Avalon, Tadworth, Surrey, England, and Madeleine Nicolette (Tessa), youngest daughter of the late General J. Cosmi and Madame Cosmi of Nantes, France. 10531

DEATHS

ABERCROMBIE.—On January 27, 1940, at 22 Robinson Road, Shanghai, Ethel Abercrombie, aged 64 years, Door of Hope Senior Missionary. The funeral service will be held in the Bubbling Well Cemetery Chapel today, Tuesday, January 30, at 4 p.m.

LACEY.—On Sunday, January 28, 1940, at the Country Hospital, Shanghai, Beryl Beda Lacey, aged 43, beloved wife of Norman Harold Lacey. The funeral service will be held in the Chapel of the Bubbling Well Cemetery, today, Tuesday, January 30, at 3 p.m. (No flowers by request, but donations to the Social Services Section of the British Womens' Association would be appreciated.) 10539

JACOBS.—On Monday, January 29, 1940, at the B'nai B'rith Hospital, Shanghai, Rosina Florence, aged 65 years, widow of the late Edward Henry Jacobs and mother of Archie and Noel Jacobs. Removed to the parlours of the International Funeral Directors, 207 Kiaochow Road. Funeral services will be held tomorrow, Wednesday, January 31, 1940, at the Bubbling Well Cemetery, at 4 p.m. (Hongkong papers please copy.)

REQUIEM MASS

A Requiem Mass for the late Mr. Joseph Richard Villas will be said tomorrow, Wednesday, January 31,. 1940 in St. Pierre's Church, Abenue Dubail at 7.30 a.m. -1722

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HANGING FIRE

Within the next few days the war will have lasted five months, and there are indications that the stagnation on land, which has been one of the principal features of the hostilities, will come to an end, by action taken by one side or the other. In Britain it is to be noted that there is a certain section of public opinion which demands rather more action than has been seen up to the present, while even in Germany there is much of the same sort of feeling displayed. Mr. Winston Churchill, in his speech at Manchester on Saturday, is reported to have said that the day would come when Herr Hitler would be wondering on which occasion he would be struck next, and this is now taken as the first time a British statesman has announced that the war of expectancy would soon be over. From that it is to be deduced that during the past five months the perfecting of the Allied fighting machine has progressed so rapidly that very shortly they would be ready to embark on greater, and perhaps more important activities. Yet in the same speech the First Lord makes it clear that an even greater expansion of all forms of activity is being contemplated, and that the time is not far distant when the whole life of the British nation and Empire will be consecrated to the successful conclusion of this present struggle. The German machine which has been working at wartime speed for the past three years is reported to be incapable of much expansion now, having long ago reached its peak, while the Allies have still plenty of margin in hand for the attainment of even greater results than have up to the present been secured, and there is every reason to believe that the resort to greater military activity will not occur until the Allies are in a position to meet every demand which the outbreak of actual fighting on land will make. It will be remembered that there were occasions during the last war when the exigencies of fighting made demands upon the supply of munitions, etc., which could not for a time be met, and that movements which should have been successful were held up for lack of material at the critical moment.

Those experiences have not been wasted, and the lesson has been thoroughly well learned that the fabrication of all the necessaries for carrying out an active military campaign must be at a rate capable of filling all requirements and obviating occasional shortages. The work of accelerating the Allied industrial machine to the tempo of war is by no means an easy task, and it is clear from what Mr. Churchill has said that much more will have to be done, so many more men and women absorbed into the manufacture of war material that whatever offensive may be contemplated by the Allies will probably have to wait some time yet. What is so amazing is that Herr Hitler has held his hand so long. All ideas of a *Blitzkrieg* appear to have been abandoned, chiefly because now there can be no such thing against the Allies. The element of surprise can no longer exist, save perhaps as to where the Nazis will strike if indeed they intend to do so. If they do they will find the Allies in a state of preparedness, which has only been made possible by the hesitancy of the Reich to assume the offensive, and every day that passes without that being done is just one more favourable day to the Allies in their task of preparing for all emergencies. If Herr Hitler himself does not realize it, his commanders do, that an offensive against the Maginot Line will prove an expensive matter, so expensive that success in breaching it may be so costly as to deprive the Reich of whatever slender hopes of victory it might have had. That appears to be equally true of the prospects of the Allies attacking, and breaking through the Siegfried Line, but while it is no part of their policy to infringe the territorial integrity of neighbouring neutrals, the continued strangulation of Germany's economic life through the blockade makes it more necessary for Herr Hitler to seek an early decision than it does for the Allies. With Europe in the grip of a cold wave such as has not been witnessed for many decades past there is little chance of the war developing into greater action in the immediate future, and it is apparent that neither side will be anxious to assume the initiative until climatic conditions are far more favourable to it than they are at present.

It may readily be assumed that, before an attempt is made to embark upon a war of movement, the struggle for the mastery of the air will have to be decided. The fact that Herr Hitler did not carry out his often professed intention of bombing the Allies from the air has caused no small amount of wonder. It was part of the scheme employed against Poland, and would seem to be the best means of opening hostilities against the Allies. It has not been adopted against them because they are in a better position to retaliate than ever the Poles were. That power of retaliation is growing speedily day by day, and in all probability it is the knowledge that the Allies are able to inflict just the same destruction upon the military objectives behind the German lines as he is able to do behind the Allies' that he has up to the present held his hand. There will not be much support amongst the Allies for the contentions of such men as Messrs. William B. Amery and H. G. Wells that the Allies should commence by bombing Berlin. It is desirable that they should avoid the stigma of having initiated the aerial campaign by any such means. It will be time enough when the Reich has added to the enormous burden of guilt it already carries, by indulging bombing of Allied cities, for Great Britain and France to embark upon reprisals in kind. The knowledge that they are in a position to do so, and will do so should occasion arise has undoubtedly had a restraining effect upon Herr Hitler and his myrmidons, but it has been made quite apparent since the beginning of the war that their reluctance has been engendered by no sense of humanity or respect for the ordinarily decent canons of warfare. Men who will order the indiscriminate sinking of shipping and the slaughter of civilian passengers irrespective of nationality are not expected to become suddenly mealy-mouthed over a continuance of their evil practices, and it is only to be assumed that it is the certainty that whatever they do against the Allies will in turn be done against them, which has held up the aerial offensive that must be the prelude to the opening of actual fighting on land.

German Railway Needs

That the visit of Dr. Glodius, head of the German Economic Section, to Italy was for the purpose of endeavouring to secure railway rolling stock, to bolster up Germany's weak transportation system is by no means surprising. Similar attempts have been made in Belgium, the Netherlands, and Rumania and in each instance they have met with failure. There is little likelihood that Dr. Glodius will meet with any great success in Rome. When the Reich embarked upon its four year plan of preparing for the present war one of the main services which was neglected was the railway system. The demands upon industry by the war machine were such that the railways were unable to provide against the depreciation of their rolling stock, which not only diminished in numbers but deteriorated in quality, until it is in such a state now as to be unable to meet the huge demands which are being made upon it by the very fact of the existence of war. It may be that Germany will receive some assistance from Italy, because of the fact that the latter has so extensively electrified its railways that a number of locomotives are standing idle, but as Italian coal has to be transported to Germany by rail instead of by sea as hitherto, those engines and the appropriate rolling stock is more likely to be used in Italo-German commerce than to strengthen the German railway system. This instance merely goes to show how in their eagerness to enter war, the German leaders refused to wait until the whole machine was in complete working order to meet the strain which hostilities would undoubtedly place upon it. The railway system is just another of Germany's weak spots, and the fact that the Reich is going from pillar to post in an endeavour to replace shortages, which prudence would never have allowed to occur, is indicative of the straits to which ill advice has reduced the country. In the last war the perfection of the German railway system was one of the factors which permitted the nation to make the great struggle she did, and to throw her forces from one front to the other as necessity occasioned. The same requirements will not apply in this war because of a friendly Russia, but the fact that Germany is without adequate rolling stock, and very little opportunity of obtaining any quantity sufficient to fill the deficiency will undoubtedly hamper her when the war takes a more active turn.

A Separate Peace?

It is too early yet to pass judgment on the importance of the new orientation in Herr Hitler's policy towards national groups in the Allied strength arrayed against him. The significance of the appointment of Wilhelm Bohle, head of the Office of Germans Abroad, according to the "Sunday Chronicle," as the "future dictator of England" on the Fuehrer model, cannot be ignored. The only interpretation to be placed on this item of news is that Herr Hitlar realizes the necessity of a separate peace with Yorkshire. Herr Bohle was born in Bradford, Yorkshire, and still has a British passport which permits him, in the phraseology of that document, "to pass freely without let or hindrance and to afford him every assistance and protection of which he may stand in need." "Truth" recently jocularly observed that the reason why the Germans were concentrating their attacks on Scotland is to induce Scotland, as a national minority, to declare a separate peace with Germany. Of course, everybody knows this is impossible because the British Government could not function without its indispensable Scottish element although Dr. Samuel Johnson made the unkind remark that the noblest prospect a Scotsman sees is the highroad leading to England. With Yorkshire, it is different. The Yorkshire people are not a minority: they are a provincial majority, and with their neighbours, the Lancastrians, do a good job keeping the backbone of the country, the Pennine Chain, running straight down the centre and firmly constituted. London to them is an adventure, not a prospect. Hitherto, from the scores of Yorkshiremen's Societies throughout the world—excluding Shanghai which does not have one—there has been no reaction. It is difficult to decide whether the Hitlerian move is a compliment or an insult, but Ilkley Moor and the Bradford City Council will undoubtedly decide in their own way.

IN PARENTHESIS

Beyond Hope

With a gloomy look the private came down the steps of the military hospital.

"Hullo, Bill" said a passing comrade. "How is the Sergeant-Major today?"

The private looked glum. "There's no hope," he said, sadly. "He returns to duty tomorrow!"

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English As Spoke

Two evacuees meet for first time. 1st Evacuee: "Who ta?"

2nd Evacuee (not understanding the above was a request for his name) made no reply.

1st Evacuee tried again: "Wheer's ta fra'?"

2nd Evacuee: "I beg you pardon?"

1st Evacuee: "Oh, wheer's tha'?"

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Bully for Him

He was a raw country youth, on the rifle range for the first time. "Now try and get the bull in your first half-dozen," said the sergeant, encouragingly.

When six successive misses had been signalled, the sergeant whispered reproachfully, "Come, lad, can't you see the bull?"

"No, I'm danged if I can see any bull," came the reply. "I'm pottin' at that old cow in yon field! But don't you worry, zur. I'll get 'un yet."

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Memory

A Kentucky colonel had an argument with Satan. The latter claimed that no one had a perfect memory, but the colonel maintained that there was an Indian on his plantation who never forgot a thing. The colonel agreed to forfeit his soul to Satan if the Indian ever forgot anything.

Satan went up to the Indian and said, "Do you like eggs?"

The Indian replied, "Yes," and Satan went away.

Twenty years later the colonel died. Satan thought, "Ah, here's my chance." So he went back to the Indian and, raising his hand, gave the tribal salutation: "How?"

The Indian replied, "Fried."

THE WEATHER

Temperature near Holy Trinity Cathedral Shanghai 24 hours ending 7 p.m.:—

Yesterday	Min.	35.0	Max.	41.0
Same date, 1939	Min.	38.0	Max.	50.5
Rainfall .14				

Temperature at Siccawei:—

Yesterday	Min.	34.7	Max.	41.9
Same date, 1939	Min.	37.4	Max.	46.9

Siccawei's Report

State on the morning of the 28th:—Siberian anticyclone shifting over Japan. Depression crossing Kiangsi east-north-eastward. Fresh northerly to easterly winds along the China Coast. Fine and cold weather in the north: rain or sleet in our Valley.

State on the morning of the 29th:—Overcast and cold weather. North-easterly wind. High and steady pressure.

Probabilities, 4.30 p.m. yesterday:—Cloudy and cold weather with strong north-westerly to north-easterly winds around Shantung. Overcast to cloudy and cold with strong monsoon over our regions and the Coast to the south of the Saddles.—Siccawei Observatory.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

Salvation Army (Rice Van)

Bridget Williams	$15	Mrs. R. J. Salmon	$50
M. C.	15	T. H. Gillet	25
A Refugee Teacher	3	Anonymous	5
Margaret H. Brown	50	I. V.	5
M. L. R.	10	M. C. Lai	5
E. C.	5	A. V. B.	10
Gyn	10	Charles Todd	20
J. B. Sawyer	25	E. G. Clark & Co.	50
F. A. Farnan	10	Miss D. E. McTier	10
S. E. Toeg	25	R. Julian	50
Patron	25	H. Maitland	20
Harvey V. Stokely	10	Mrs. C. M. Anderson	11
H. Bos	100	A. R. M.	25
Church of England (Army Collection)	20	A. J. Hicks	25
A. C. Leyland	15	N. N.	25

Salvation Army Waifs

J. T. W. Brooke	$10

Friends of Finland

Miss D. E. McTier	$5
M. L. R.	10

Jewish Com. Assc.

Jewish Ladies Ben.	$100
Jewish Shelter House	100

I. C. School

Molnar & Greiner	$250

K.D.S.

Miss D. E. McTier	$5

Rickshaw

Miss D. E. McTier	$5
Harvey V. Stokely	10
Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Boyd	10

I. C. Milk

R. Julian	$100
Emigrants Thrift Shop	10.35
N. N.	2

In memory of Dr. W. R. Johnson
St. Patrick
British Nursing Staff S.M.C. $55

A Minor Epic

When the history of this war comes to be written, what may turn out to be one of the minor epics of the campaign may be the journey overland by the crew of the gunboat Sandpiper, which is now at Changsha with a civilian status, and in the care of a few Chinese members of the crew, with armaments dismantled and little to remind the bandit that once this craft was a guardian of law and order in its section of the Yangtze. Changsha itself was never one of the more lively stations for British gunboats upriver, in spite of the efforts of the small foreign community to make the life of the sailors as happy as possible. With the damage done by the Communists, which was never properly repaired, and the subsequent havoc wrought by the premature burning of the city by its commanders during the first Japanese offensive down the Hankow-Canton Railway, what few attractions the city had for the casual visitor disappeared, and with increased difficulties in transportation following the cutting of the Canton Railway by the Japanese, and the Japanese occupation of Nanchang, to say nothing of the restrictions placed on transport on the Yangtze and Hsiang Rivers themselves, the upholding of British interests in the port became a weariness unto the flesh of most of the men whose duty it was. That it was efficiently and truly carried out is a fine testimony to the discipline and control exercised in H.M. Navy. In circumstances such as these, it can be understood that the order for withdrawal was not unwelcome, and there followed an overland journey which, if it ever is fully written, will probably rank among the classics in the records of the Royal Navy. It reflects no little credit, also, upon the staff work of the Chinese army, which supplied transport over different routes often in extremely difficult conditions. It is reported that a guide, philosopher and friend of the party, whose calling and training did not make him familiar with "grousing," was somewhat shocked at some of the opinions expressed about the comforts of Chinese inns along the route. He need not have been. It is a maxim of the British serviceman that he wants the best he can get, but at the same time is prepared to make the best out of the worst anyone can provide. Those officers who organized the journey, both British and Chinese, and those who carried it to a successful conclusion, deserve all the credit they can get. Only those who have travelled *à la chinois* in the old days can begin to appreciate the conditions which must have been met.

Nazi Terror Against Church Revealed

Pope Pius Informed of Alleged Persecutions In Occupied Poland; Priests Murdered; Nuns Humiliated; Pulpits and Seminaries Emptied

Vatican City, Jan. 29.

A REPORT has been prepared here for the Pope alleging that the Gestapo, the Nazi secret service, has carried out widespread murder and persecution of Catholic priests in Poland, it was learned today. The report listed the names of fifteen Polish priests who had been shot, beaten or otherwise ill-treated at the hands of Germans. Polish priests and nuns have been persecuted and humiliated and children driven from Catholic orphanages, the report charged.

"Certain priests have been deported to Germany and others to concentration camps," the report claimed. "It is common to see priests among workmen on bridges and roads."

A German soldier killed Father Mariano Shazpczak, the report added, beating him on the head with his rifle butt.

Beating, torturing and murdering of priests in Poland and a barbaric programme of extermination of Poles generally were charged against the Nazi regime in the specially-prepared report given Pope Pius on January 6, it was learned.

The report said Polish priests were ordered to pray for Chancellor Adolf Hitler. It alleged that a group of Gestapo (Secret Police) entered a convent, herded the sisters in the chapel and, with the holy sacrament exposed, one police officer poured abuse on the sisters for praying. Jumping on a chair, the Gestapo officer screamed at the sisters that they were wasting their time praying. "There is no God. If there were, we should not be here," the report alleged the German policeman said.

"Some priests have been shut up in pigsties throughout the night and beaten barbarously and tortured," the report claimed. "From a total of 261 parishes almost half are without priests and the situation is growing worse. The population is being violently torn from the soil and being replaced by Germans among whom are very few Catholics....

"Sermons must be in the German language, although few have been preached, since it serves as a pretext to eliminate priests. The churches are in the hands of the Gestapo as far as wealth is concerned. If this continues there will be total confiscation....

"At Poznan the cathedral has been closed and the Gestapo has the key. The Theological Seminary has been closed and the students dispersed. The Archbishop's palace has been devastated."—United Press.

Berlin Declines Comment

Berlin, Jan. 29.

Officials today declined to comment on the Vatican City report charging Germany with extreme brutality toward Polish Catholic priests. The officials recalled that a few days ago authorities here officially denied similar allegations which were broadcast by the Vatican radio. The radio reports were termed "sheerest invention."—United Press.

Mass Deportations of Poles

Paris, Jan. 29.

Mass deportations of Poles living in the Soviet-occupied areas of Poland are still continuing, and 1,500 former officers of the Polish army were recently sent to an unknown destination, the P.A.T. official Polish news agency, stated in a communique released here today.

The Polish population of Lwow, lacking work, had to sell their clothing for bread.

The German press is trying to justify atrocities in their part of Poland by accusing Polish priests of leading a guerilla warfare against the German Army. This is the first time, these quarters add, that the Germans admit the persistent resistance being put up by the Polish population against the German invasion.

A report on the atrocities against Polish priests was sent to Pope Pius XII, these circles said.

The Germans are using the same methods in ousting inhabitants of Bohemia and Moravia from their homes to make room for the Baltic Germans as were used against the Poles in Posnania. Entire villages have been turned out despite the extreme cold and filled by these Baltic Germans, who themselves were forcibly repatriated from the Baltic states by the Reich.—Havas.

Balkan Entente to Face Big Task

Neutral Bloc Impossible To Achieve While States Have Conflicting Aims

Belgrade, Jan. 29.

On the eve of the Balkan Entente conference, to be held on February 2 to 4, Yugoslav political quarters appear uncertain over the course to be taken by the parleys. There are many problems to solve and restricted means of attaining solutions, they pointed out.

The situation is tangled, they declared. While the most obvious and beneficial solution would be the creation of an outright bloc of neutrals, such a bloc is impossible at present because of existent ties between Balkan nations and belligerents. An ideal means of preserving the neutrality of the south-eastern States would be to create a neutral bloc of all the Balkan nations, including Hungary and Bulgaria. Mutual guarantees of integrity should be exchanged and even pledges of military aid in case of aggression. Debarring such a comprehensive solution are firstly, difficulties arising in Hungarian and Bulgarian claims on Rumania and Yugoslavia and, more important, the obvious leanings of Rumania, Greece and Turkey toward the Allies.

Neutral Bloc Impossible

Creation of a neutral bloc under present conditions would be impossible, for Germany and Soviet Russia would take such a bloc to be directed against themselves unless Bucharest, Athens and Ankara abandon their pro-Ally leanings.

The first aim of the Balkan conference, Yugoslav observers stated, is to remove all obstacles to inter-Balkanic rapprochement and have all the Balkan States with the possible exception of Turkey, affirm a common attitude of the strictest neutrality.

Turkey is made an exception because she has interests not only in south-eastern Europe, but also Asia Minor and the Mediterranean. She therefore may be allowed to maintain her pact with the Allies.—Havas.

Bulgaria to Watch

Sofia, Jan. 28.

Bulgaria will probably not send an official observer to the Balkan Entente conference in Belgrade, political quarters here stated today. They added that as a result of recent Bulgaro-Turkish rapprochement, the Turkish delegates may support the Bulgarian attitude at the parleys.

No extraordinary results are expected from the conference, but Bulgar quarters said they hoped to see some clarification of questions concerning Balkan policy. Great interest was expressed over conversations to be held here when the Turkish Foreign Minister, M. Sukru Sarajoglu, passes through Sofia en route to Belgrade and meets the Bulgarian Premier.—Havas.

Gaimusho Denial

Tokyo, Jan. 29.

"There is no official information on the matter, but no new anti-Comintern pact is in our minds, nor is it intended by Japanese Ambassadors in Europe," declared the Foreign Office spokesman at today's press conference in reply to a question by a foreign correspondent regarding a report of the "Asahi Shimbun."—Reuter.

Mr. Nelson T. Johnson Arrives in Hankow

U.S. Envoy's Visit to Be Curtailed by One Day

Hankow, Jan. 29.

Mr. Nelson T. Johnson, American Ambassador to China, arrived here today at 11.15 a.m. in the U.S.S. Luzon, after an uneventful trip.

Mr. Johnson's visit, it is stated, will be curtailed by one day, and he will return to Shanghai on the morning of January 31.

Mr. Johnson, who is the first Ambassador of a Third Power to visit Hankow since its occupation by the Japanese, left Shanghai on January 22, accompanied by Rear-Admiral W. A. Glassford, Commander of the U.S. Yangtze Patrol.

According to a statement made by him on January 18, both visits have no special significance, but are "just the usual routine trips."—Reuter.

Manila Amateur Hears Admiral Byrd

U.S. Explorer Says Antarctic "Just Comfortable"

Manila, Jan. 29.

Mr. L. E. Bennett, amateur radio operator here conversed by radio with Admiral Richard E. Byrd in the Antarctic on Saturday night.

Admiral Byrd told the amateur operator that he had arrived at his present station three days before. The temperature was 20 degrees above zero, the Admiral declared, describing it as "just comfortable."—United Press.

Another Asama Maru Protest May Be Sent

Gaimusho Spokesman Stresses Japanese View of Incident

Tokyo, Jan. 29.

A fresh protest "may" be made in a few days, demanding the surrender of the 21 Germans taken from the Asama Maru by the British Navy and brought to Hongkong, revealed the Foreign Office spokesman at the Press conference today.

He enlarged the Japanese viewpoint on the incident to the effect that Japan maintained the illegality of the affair.

The spokesman stressed the injury to Japanese pride by the British action, particularly viewing that the Asama Maru was travelling between two neutral ports, San Francisco and Yokohama.

A correspondent asked: "Men of military age travelling from the United States to Japan, according to the Japanese point of view, are not contraband, but motor-trucks and gasoline from the United States to French Indo China are contraband? It seems that the frequent Japanese protests to the French Ambassador are not justified."

The Foreign Office spokesman was evasive.—Reuter.

Japan to Make Reply

Tokyo, Jan. 29.

A counter Japanese reply to the British answer in the Asama Maru case would be made within a few days, a spokesman for the Japanese Foreign Office told foreign correspondents today.

"We hope that an amicable settlement can be reached as soon as possible," the spokesman asserted," but everything depends on future developments."

The British reply to the Japanese protest contained full legalistic views on the case, the spokesman said. He added, however, that the Japanese had legalistic views of their own, which may be brought forth in the new note to be delivered to Sir Robert Craigie, British Ambassador.

Finally, he said, was the irregularity of proceedings committed by the British warship in stopping and searching the Japanese vessel. The German passengers were removed, he continued, in spite of the fact that Japan had warned Great Britain that belligerents could not be removed from neutral vessels by belligerent warships unless the passengers were actually embodied in armed forces.

The German interpretation of international law, the spokesman stated, had nothing to do with the settlement of the Asama Maru case which Japan intended to bring to a close in accordance with the Japanese interpretation of international law.—Domei.

Foreign Office Attacked

Tokyo, Jan. 29.

The Japanese Foreign Office was severely criticized by the "Asahi Shimbun" today for lacking foresight in both the China incident and the Asama Maru case.

The influential daily said that Japan launched the China campaign without the Foreign Office first ascertaining that China had numerous small fortifications, both natural and artificial.

The condemnation by the public of Capt. Yoshisada Watanabe, who has been removed from the command of the Asama Maru, was unfair. The Gaimusho, instead, the "Asahi" said, should be blamed for the Asama Maru case because of lack of foresight.

The Foreign Office failed to take the necessary steps to prevent such an incident, it charged.—United Press.

British Red Cross Agent Arrives at Istanbul

Istanbul, Jan. 29.

Brig.-Gen. Sir Wyndham Deedes, British Red Cross delegate, was welcomed by representatives of the Turkish Goverpment and the Red Cross on arrival here yesterday en route to Erzinjan. The British delegate, Sir Wyndham, at Erzinjan, will participate in the distribution of large quantities of clothing, medicines and other material for relief work, sent from Britain for victims of the recent earthquakes.—Reuter.

New Zealand Pacifist Rallies Broken Up

Auckland, Jan. 29.

Fierce rioting resulted here yesterday from an attempt of soldiers and sailors on leave to break up pacifist and communist meetings. A pacifist Methodist minister and two Communist speakers were arrested for obstruction.—United Press.

Belgian Communists May Be Outlawed

Brussels, Jan. 28.

The Liberal Deputy, M. Guilmin of Namur, will shortly propose formally that the Belgian Communist Party be dissolved, it was announced today.—Havas.

Cold Weather Brings Worst Traffic Hold-Up in Britain in Years

R.A.F. Remain Alert; B.E.F. Home Leave Cancelled; Train Schedules Hours Late; Expresses Crawl

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

London, Jan. 29.

Severe weather over the week-end caused the biggest railway hold-up in many years, dislocating traffic throughout Great Britain. Some services had even to be suspended.

In Scotland, trains were "lost" and late last night had not reached their destinations, while express trains to London from the north were as much as 12 hours late.

Conditions on roads were also bad. Bus services had to stop, and many motorists were stranded.

Many London business men arrived late at their offices today to find that mails had not been delivered. Post office officials stated that the deliveries of mails might be extraordinarily late.

Thousands of city workers arrived late at their offices. A great number of suburban shops were unable to open until long after the normal time as many assistants were forced to walk to work.

Travel conditions improved somewhat this afternoon as a result of supreme efforts by transport companies. Many main lines were running as booked, but late. Electric train services were largely superseded by steam.

Despite weather conditions, Royal Air Force squadrons remain at the "ready" throughout the country. Home leave for men of the British Expeditionary Force has been suspended owing to the severe weather conditions.

The transport hold-up is the worst in living memory. Expresses to and from London are lucky if they are able to do an average of ten miles an hour. Travel conditions in London are chaotic. Some London suburbs have been cut off by rail and road.

Several trains, filled with parents returning after seeing their evacuated children, are stranded, and railway waiting rooms are being actually used as dormitories. Many of those who eventually managed to get back to London were without food or drink for 20 hours.

The Southern Railway issued an appeal to the public not to travel unless compelled, as services have been heavily curtailed. Train compartments usually accommodating ten are now carrying up to 22.

Along all main routes to Central London, long queues of anxious men and women waited at bus or tram stops.

Several train services have been cancelled in Scotland.—Reuter.

British Prime Minister's Visit to France

During his recent visit to France, Mr. Neville Chamberlain made an extensive tour of British and French lines. He is seen inspecting the French guard of honour at the French aerodrome where he landed from London.

Lieut.-Gen. Homma Warns Americans

Relations Between Nations Must Be Improved Insists Tientsin Commander

Tientsin, Jan. 29.

Interviewed here regarding the possible connection between the expiry of the United States Trade Treaty and the sudden tightening of barrier restrictions, Lieut.-Gen. Masaharu Homma, Commander of the Japanese Garrison in Tientsin, warned Americans of the necessity of improving relations between the two countries.

"If all our efforts to improve relations with America fail," he said, "the Japanese will see no further reason to extend special privileges to American citizens."

General Homma hinted plainly that in the event of failure the military would be forced to review the situation and reconsider the steps to be taken.

No amount of pressure, he added, would induce Japan to abandon the establishment of the "New Order in East Asia."

"Think of the sacrifices made during the present incident," said the General. "If you were in our shoes would you go so far as to nullify all that had been accomplished, because pressed to do so by another country?"—Reuter.

No Information in Tokyo

Tokyo, Jan. 29.

No official information had been received regarding an intensification of the Japanese blockade of the foreign concessions at Tientsin, declared the Foreign Office spokesman, Mr Yakichiro Suma, replying to a barrage of questions on the subject at the press conference today.—Reuter.

Blockade Move Confirmed

London, Jan. 29.

The fact that the Japanese have re-electrified the barbed wire fences surrounding the foreign concessions is confirmed in London.

It is expected that the issue will be taken up with the Japanese authorities in Tokyo.

Meanwhile, it is learned that the British Note to Japan regarding the Asama Maru incident will not be published for a few days.—Reuter.

European Countries' Holdings in U.S.A.

Britain Sold Ten Per Cent. in First Two Months of War

Washington, Jan. 29.

The Treasury disclosed today that Great Britain during the first two months of the war disposed of nearly ten per cent. or $73,000,000 worth of her readily marketable American securities.

The total of such securities at the beginning of the war, according to a recent estimate by the Federal Reserve Board, amounted to $753,000,000, while British investments in the United States actually total more than $3,000,000,000.

Canada has also sold United States securities, but to a much less extent.

France, on the other hand, has added about $1,000,000 worth of marketable securites to her pre-war total of $185,000,000.

German holdings at the beginning of the war are believed to have been negligible, but the Reich sold about $600,000 worth of securities in September and October.—Reuter.

Commons to Debate Economic Issues

Labour Party to Demand Co-Ordination Minister

London, Jan. 29.

Debate on economic questions will feature the next meeting of Parliament on February 1, it was revealed today.

The Labour Party will propose a motion demanding the formation of a Ministry of National Economic Co-ordination.

The Prime Minister, Mr. Neville Chamberlain, and the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Sir John Simon, will give an account of the progress made since the beginning of the war in the economic co-ordination of the country.—Havas.

Poles Could Beat Reds After Reich Falls

"Crumpling of Germany Will Mean Defeat of Russia"

London, Jan. 29.

Once Germany is beaten, the Polish Government anticipates very little difficulty in recovering that part of Poland occupied by the Soviets, according to President Raczkiewicz, in an interview with the "Daily Telegraph" correspondent in Angers.

"The Russians cannot stay there after Germany is beaten. They will have too many troubles in their own country to be able to hold foreign soil by force," he declared. "The crumpling of Germany will mean the defeat of Russia," President Raczkiewicz added.—Reuter.

Japanese Navy Searches Block After Kidnapping

Wealthy Chinese Merchant Seized by Armed Men Taken to Hongkew in Vicinity of Bridge House

TWO hundred members of the Japanese Naval Landing Party, armed with rifles, automatic rifles and automatic pistols, cooperated with the Settlement Police yesterday morning in Hongkew in conducting a house-to-house search after the kidnapping of a wealthy Chinese hardware merchant had taken place. The abduction was the second one attempted in the area in almost identical circumstances in one week. Yesterday's victim, who was last seen in an alleyway leading to the vicinity of the Bridge House, had not been released last night.

The actual kidnapping took place at 5 North Shanse Road, in the West Hongkew district, at 7.45 a.m. This is the address of the victim, Mr. Woo Cha-dong, aged 38, who also operates a large hardware business there. The kidnappers, four or five men two of whom were reported to be Japanese in civilian clothes, arrived in a hire-car which they had engaged at a Japanese garage in Hongkew.

According to the story of the chauffeur, who was an unwilling party to the crime, four of the kidnappers (including the two Japanese) carried automatic pistols of the heavy Mauser type. They enjoined the driver, under penalty of death, not to make an outcry.

Cross Soochow Creek Twice

After Mr. Woo had been removed from his home and placed in the car, the chauffeur was told to drive across the Soochow Creek by the Honan Road Bridge, east along Soochow Road and then north by the Szechuen Road Bridge to Hongkew. The car was finally brought to a halt in Tiendong Road, behind the Shanghai General Hospital. There the kidnappers, after telling the driver to decamp, took Mr. Woo into an alleyway leading north from Tiendong Road and connecting with another lane leading to North Szechuen Road.

The chauffeur, as soon as he was a free agent again, drove to the Hongkew Police Station and reported the kidnapping. The Police notified the Japanese Naval Landing Party, whose officers at once organized a search party of 200 bluejackets, heavily armed, to assist the Police in making a house-to-house search in the block where Mr. Woo had been last seen with his abductors.

Besides this large contingent of naval men, the Hongkew Station provided a party of foreign and Japanese uniformed and plainclothes men, clad in steel waistcoats and carrying pistols, to comb the network of alleyways in the vicinity. The search lasted several hours, until after midday, and covered every house in the rectangle bounded by Tiendong Road, North Szechuen Road, Woochang Road, and Chapoo Road. The houses of Chinese, Japanese and foreigners alike were entered and the occupants questioned. But the kidnapped merchant and his captors were not found, nor had they apparently entered any of the houses in the block.

Carbines and Pistol Seized

The search was not without result, however. Several suspects were detained, chief among them an oriental who claimed to be a Formosan and who had in his room two carbines and an automatic pistol. This man was handed over to the Japanese authorities.

Inquiries made at Mr. Woo's residence indicated that he apparently had no political affiliations which would explain his abduction. It is therefore believed that he is being held for ransom.

Waterloo City Railway

Change-over to New System Expected Early in Summer

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

London, Jan. 29.

In spite of the great calls, due to the war, made on the Southern Railway, modernisation of the Waterloo City Railway, which is the original "twopenny tube," has been rapidly proceeded with and now approaches completion.

The changeover to the new system is expected to take place early in summer and passengers will find entirely new rolling stock, constructed on modern principles and designed to give maximum comfort.

The journey also will be much quieter as the rails have been welded together—the method found to be most effective in reducing noise. Speedy exit from this much used railway will be assured by means of a triple escalator which has been installed at the city end.—Reuter.

Miss Unity Mitford "Holding Her Own"

London, Jan. 29.

Miss Unity Mitford, Herr Hitler's "Nordic Goddess" who returned to England recently with two bullet wounds in her head, is "holding her own," according to a bulletin of the Oxford Clinic where she has been confined since the beginning of the week. Miss Mitford is under the care of one of the most brilliant brain specialists in all England. An operation, indicated by the recent X-rays taken, will not be possible until her general condition improves.—Havas.

New Party Formed In South Africa

Reunited Nationalists To Seek Republican Status For Country

Cape Town, Jan. 29.

Parliamentary groups led by General G.B.M. Hertzog, former Premier and at present Leader of the Opposition, and Dr. D. F. Malan have reached an agreement for mutual co-operation. The agreement is subject to the approval of the Congresses of both groups.

A statement issued here last night says both parties are convinced that "a republican form of government, separated from the British crown, is best suited to the traditions and aspirations of the South African people." It adds: "This is the only effective guarantee that South Africa will not again be drawn into the wars of Great Britain."

The new party is known as the Reunited Nationalist or the People's Party. It will strive to remove all obstacles which hinder the achievement of this aim.

The statement declares that a republic can only be achieved on the broad basis of national will and with due regard to equal language and cultural rights of the two sections of the white population.

"This can only be brought about as a special, definite mandate from the voters and not merely as the result of a mere parliamentary majority.

"Membership in the party will not be denied any national-minded Afrikander who is prepared to adhere to party obligations but is not convinced of the desirability of creating a republic in the present circumstances," the joint statement adds.

The aims set out in the statement are similar to those of the Malanite Nationalist Party under Dr. Malan, a former Minister of the Interior. The Malanites favour the fullest political and economic independence of South Afica, and eventually, the formation of a republic.—Reuter.

Manchoukuo Bandits on Decline

Present Numbers Only One Tenth of Old Total

Hsingking, Jan. 29.

Banditry in Manchoukuo was on the decline, a survey completed this month by the Peace Preservation Department of the Manchoukuo Government showed today.

The investigation disclosed that there were 3,000 bandits operating in Manchoukuo at the end of this year, compared with more than 320,000 bandits at large eight years ago, when the new government was established.

The areas still infested by the bandits, the survey stated, were in the eastern provinces of Manchoukuo.—Domei.

Italian Churches Urge People to Volunteer to Aid Finland

International Transport Workers Federation Calls on Labour to Denounce Soviet Regime

Helsinki, Jan. 28.

"In hundreds of churches in Italy, prayers have been said to encourage the people to volunteer for service in Finland," a letter to the "Helsingin Sanomat" from a Finnish former resident of Italy stated today. "News from Finland," he added, "is given over the radio five times a day."—Havas.

Union Support Finns

London, Jan. 29.

The Executive Council of the International Transport Workers Federation, at a meeting in London yesterday, passed a resolution expressing abhorence of "the treacherous attack upon Finland by the Soviet, consequent upon the unholy alliance between Nazi Germany and Soviet Russia."

The meeting called on Russian workers to resist a regime "which, by its attack on Finland, has violated the conscience of humanity," and hoped workers in all countries would turn with disgust from the Soviet regime. The meeting also urged all states which are members of the League of Nations and the United States to give all effective assistance to Finland in men, munitions and supplies.

It says it is the task of workers in all countries, without committing themselves to the policies of their governments, to bring about the defeat and downfall of Nazi dictatorship.

The council extended sympathy to German workers, declaring the belief that the majority of them favour democracy. It called upon workers in Germany and countries under the German yoke to continue the struggle against the oppressors.—Reuter.

Soviet Attacks on Karelian Isthmus Front Weakening

Russian Threat to Out-Flank Mannerheim Line Not Eliminated; More Finns Called Up

Helsinki, Jan. 29.

THE Russian eight-day drive on Finnish positions north east of Lake Ladoga grew weaker yesterday and failed to puncture the Finnish lines, according to a Finnish war communique issued last night. Yesterday's attacks, the communique said, "were weaker than the previous attacks and hundreds were added to the death roll."

It was reliably reported that the Russians have lost 5,000 dead and 15,000 wounded during the past week on the Karelian Isthmus. Responsible observers, however, believe that reports that four divisions of Red troops have been destroyed, are exaggerations. The Finns are fighting their greatest battle since Suomossalmi, but the Russian threat to circle north-east of Lake Ladoga behind the Mannerheim Line has not been eliminated, although the Finns believe the Russians' chances of reassembling their forces are slim.

The weaker Red attacks might indicate that the Soviet command is postponing plans to smash the line until early March, when there will be warmer weather. The Finns have not lost an inch over the week-end and have advanced slightly at some points in the Lake Ladoga sector.

It was reported that Russian artillery in the Aittojoki sector dropped 15,000 shells in a single square-mile area which has been converted into a morass of muddy slush, compelling the Finns to discard their white parkas.

A communique announced that the Finns had captured four tanks and shot down two Red bombers on Saturday.—United Press.

Finns Call Up 1898 Class

Helsinki, Jan. 28.

Men of the 1898 class were called to the colours by the Finnish Government today, with instructions that, if they can, they should bring their own boots, skis and other necessities. Summoning of this class brings up to 21 the classes of Finnish men already in active service. Men of the 1898 batch will join the ranks on February 2.—Havas.

Red Raid on Viipuri Fails

Viipuri, Jan. 29.

When the United Press correspondent entered Viipuri late yesterday afternoon, an air alarm was sounded and nine Soviet bombers were sighted trying to reach the city. Two Finnish pursuit planes took to the air and anti-aircraft batteries opened heavy barrages with the result that the bombers fled.

Despite brilliant sunshine, it was biting cold and the rolling thunder of artillery could be heard as the coastal guns on Koiviso Island continued cross fire into Russian lines.

The Russians have dropped over a 1,000 bombs and several thousand naval shells in an attempt to destroy this anchor at the right end of the Mannerheim Line.

The Finnish artillery was reported to be achieving notable results on the western Isthmus. Yesterday it was reported to have destroyed a trench-mortar and anti-aircraft battery.

A Russian prisoner brought here today was said to be the sole survivor of 80 men who attacked a smaller detail of Finns. The Finns were routed but returned later and pretended to lie dead on the ice. As the Russians approached them they opened withering fire and only one of the Soviets survived, the Finns claimed.—United Press.

Tokyo Faces Record Drought

Tokyo Has Water for Only Forty More Days' Use

Tokyo, Jan. 29.

The present dry weather in central Japan is threatening to break a 65-year-old drought record, the Central Meteorological Observatory reported today. Japan has only experienced one longer period of drought and that was in June, 1875, the Observatory records showed. Not a drop of rain has fallen in the Tokyo area since December 25 and the local reservoirs were reported to be so drained that only water for 40 days more remains unless it rains.

In contrast to the dry weather in central Japan, heavy snows and storms on the Japanese seaboard and north-eastern Japan were reported. Alvanches caused by the blizzards have taken numerous lives, while all trains arriving here yesterday from north-eastern Japan were behind schedule because of the snowstorms. Snow plows were being used to clear the tracks at many points.

Fifteen persons were reported killed in an avalanche Sunday near Yabukami village, Niigata Prefecture. Twenty-six persons were buried under snow, but eleven were reported to have been rescued.—United Press.

£15,000,000 Worth of Gold for Turkey

Ankara, Jan. 29.

Gold valued at £15,000,000, granted under the recent agreement between Britain, France and Turkey to strengthen Turkey's exchange, arrived in a special train yesterday from Syria.—Reuter.

173 Die in Japan Train Wreck

Switchman Inadvertently Moves Lever and Derails Last Car Full of Workers

Osaka, Jan. 29.

Inadvertently derailed by a switchman, a car of a three-coach gasoline-engined train plunged off the tracks near an Osaka Station this morning, killing 173 persons and injuring at least 65 others.

Leaving the tracks, the car overturned and burned. Many of the passengers, apparently trapped in the coach, perished in the flames. Of the approximate 100 who did escape, many were burned.

Earlier in the day the death toll was believed to have reached more than 200 persons, but an investigation conducted this afternoon by the Osaka Railway Bureau disclosed that 173 persons had died in the accident. The bureau listed 65 persons as either seriously or slightly injured, but it was explained that the injury list might be incomplete.

Only Two Cars Pass Switch

The cause of the tragedy was believed to have been the pulling of a switch before the train had passed. A switchman was understood to have changed the switch, believing that three cars instead of only two had passed the point.

The train was filled with factory workers going to work. The accident happened at 7.02 a.m. near Ajikawaguchi Station in the industrial district. The train was bound for Sakurajima. The Nishinari Line is operated by the Government Railways Ministry.

When the charred bodies of the victims were uncovered in the wreckage, they were taken into tents pitched hurriedly near the Station to accommodate the dead and injured.—Domei.

Train Turned Into Furnace

Osaka, Jan. 29.

Premature shunting by a pointsman is said to have been responsible for the terrible railway disaster in the suburb of Osaka this morning, when a gasoline train, consisting of three carriages, was derailed and caught fire.

One survivor said the three carriages were turned into a furnace in five minutes, though some lucky fellows escaped through windows, the conductor's platform or by breaking other windows.

The majority of the passengers were workmen on the way to their plants, including some female hands.—Reuter.

African Natives Accuse German Masters

Men Say They Were "Beaten, Struck by Beer Bottles"

Dar-Es-Salaam, Jan. 29.

Allegations of "brutal treatment" while aboard the German coastal vessel Askari, were made here yesterday by 22 natives disembarked by an Italian steamer.

The natives said the Germans aboard the Askari "beat them, struck at them with beer bottles and threatened to shoot them and put them on half rations."

The Askari left Dar-es-Salaam on September 2 and changed her course to Kismayu, Italian Somaliland. The natives said that after four months in Kismayu, they rebelled and threatened the Germans with oars. They seized boats and went ashore. Later, they were repatriated by the Italians.—Reuter.

New Soviet Railway for Coal Transport Ready

Akmolinsk - Kartaly Line Completed in Eight Months

Moscow, Jan. 28.

Under construction for eight months, the new Akmolinsk-Kartaly railway went into service yesterday, it was announced officially today. A train with wagons carrying 900 tons of coal left Karaganda coalfields, at one end, for Magnitogorsk, at the other terminus, to inaugurate the service.

The importance of the railway, it was declared in Soviet transport circles, lies mainly in its utility to the coal trade between the Karaganda fields and Magnitogorsk, for it shortens the distance between these two areas by some 400 kilometres (250 miles).

The Akmolinsk end of the line shortly will be prolonged eastward in the direction of Barnaoul to reach the trans-Siberian Railway at Taichet in the Irkutsk region. The line so far is 806 kilometres long.—Havas.

Britain Opening Paris Recruiting Office

Paris, Jan. 29.

A recruiting office for British citizens in France who wish to volunteer for service with the British Expeditionary Force is being opened here in Paris, it was announced yesterday.

"There has been renewed activity by advanced units at some points on the front," said a French Headquarters war communique last night.—Havas.

Japanese Launch Kwangsi Action

Begin Offensive Against 20 Chinese Divisions; Stubborn Resistance

With the Japanese Forces in Kwangsi, Jan. 29.

Under cover of an intensive artillery barrage, Japanese troops at dawn yesterday launched a vigorous offensive against 20 Chinese divisions massed in the mountains between Pingyang and the famous Kulunkwan pass north-east of Nanning.

Chinese troops, many of them comprising Gen. Chiang Kai-shek's divisions, offered stubborn resistance from positions in the hills, which have been fortified since last December.

The Chinese command massed large effectives in the Kulunkwan area in a desperate effort to retake Nanning. All these attempts, however, were repulsed with heavy losses by the Japanese.

Indicative of the fierceness of the previous Chinese attacks, thousands of dead were seen today abandoned on the slopes of hills controlled by the Japanese. Wave after wave of Chinese infantry was sent against the Japanese position only to be mowed down by Japanese enfilading fire.—Domei.

Shansi Operations

Taiyuan, Jan. 29.

Conflict between the Shansi army and the Chinese Communists, which broke out in the middle of January in the Lanhsien area north-west of Taiyuan, was reported being continued on a large scale, with each side using more than 10,000 men.

Gen. Chao Cheng-shou, Commander of the 7th Group Army, was said to have been taken in custody by Kuo Ting-yi, an official of the Shansi second administrative district, and by Hsu Fan-ting, of the peace preservation headquarters of the second district.

Kuo and Hsu were entrusted by Gen. Yen Hsi-shan with important duties concerning administration and peace preservation in the district. They were reported, however, to be making efforts to Sovietize the Shansi Army in secret contacts with the Eighth Route Army.—Domei.

Fighting in Hupeh

Hankow, Jan. 29.

A Japanese unit attacking 500 troops massed at Pokutang, north of Kingshan in central Hupeh, scattered them northward after a severe battle in which 130 Chinese were killed, according to field dispatches received today.

Another Japanese detachment at dawn yesterday defeated 500 troops south of Tienmen in central Hupeh.

About 300 Chinese were routed in the mountainous Hsitou district, 12 kilometres north of Anki in north-western Kiangsi.

Capturing positions on the mountain peak, the Japanese drove the defenders westward.—Domei.

Bomb Attack in Suiyuan

A Japanese Army Air Base in North China, Jan. 29.

Soaring across the vast Ordos plain, Japanese army bombers yesterday afternoon launched a surprise raid on Linho, important station on the "red route" from Outer Mongolia to Ninghsia.

Chinese troops concentrated at villages on the southern outskirts of Linho, otherwise known as Jangyufang, were subjected to severe bombardments. Many were killed.

Linho is about 300 kilometres north-east of Ninghsia.—Domei.

3,000 Refugees Arrive

The fighting in east Chekiang where the Japanese have secured a landing is indirectly affecting Shanghai as a haven for refugees, as numerous Chekiang war refugees are expected to arrive here. The Tembien of the Chinese Italian Navigation Company which arrived here from Ningpo on Sunday carried more than 3,000 refugee passengers and left again yesterday afternoon for Chinghai, gateway to Ningpo with 3,000 Chekiang natives, Shanghai residents, aboard.

Chinese Take Much Booty

Chungking, Jan. 29.

During first two years of the war, China captured from Japan on the battlefield 1,475 armoured trucks, 600 pieces of artillery (including trench mortars), 2,660 machine-guns, 52,925 rifles, and over 5,000,000 rounds of ammunition, according to figures published in "Military Affairs," the official publication of the National Military Council.

These figures only include those officially reported to Chungking.

In Hupeh and Anhwei provinces, on the north bank of the Yangtze, it is claimed, the Chinese captured most war equipment, including 225 trucks, 167 artillery pieces and 983 machine-guns.

In Hupeh, south of the Yangtze, and in Hunan and northwest Kiangsi the Chinese, it is stated, captured 314 trucks, 141 pieces of artillery, and 469 machine-guns.

In Shansi, the Chinese captured 240 trucks, 103 artillery pieces and 365 machine-guns.—Reuter.

Gen. Li Tsung-jen Denounces Mr. Wang

Chungking, Jan. 29.

Gen. Li Tsung-jen, together with officers and men in the war area under his command, issued a circular telegram dated January 27, vigorously denouncing Mr. Wang Ching-wei.

The famous Kwangsi leader declared that officers and men at the front were most indignant when they read of the alleged agreement signed between Mr. Wang and the Japanese.

In conclusion, General Li Tsung-jen expressed the determination of his officers and men to follow the leadership of Gen. Chiang Kai-shek in the policy of armed resistance against Japan.—Reuter.

Big Wheat Harvest for Australia

Melbourne, Jan. 29.

The Australian wheat harvest for 1939-1940 will approximate 204,000,000 bushels, according to the latest estimate issued today. This total has only been twice previously exceeded, said Mr. Clive Macpherson, Chairman of the Australian Wheat Board, who added that 3,500,000 tons of cargo space will be required to handle the exportable surplus.—Reuter.

German Children Must Work for State

Berne, Jan. 28.

German children between the ages of ten and seventeen will shortly be mobilized in compulsory service groups for duty in the interests of the State, the "Frankfurter Zeitung" reported today quoting a speech by Hitler Youth Leader, Herr Lauterbach.

Defining the duties of the Hitler Youth organization in time of war, Youth Fuehrer Lauterbach said from February, vast youth meetings will be held in all German towns and villages and all boys and girls coming within scope of his statement will be submitted to the laws that shortly will be issued. Compulsory service will begin April 20, the "Frankfurter Zeitung" concluded.—Havas.

In Aid of St. Tichon's Orphanage

Friday's Brilliant Affair; An Appeal for Funds

In this city of gay, glittering lights there will be no brighter spot on Friday evening than the Arcadia Ballroom. This is the night on which the Grand Soirée, in aid of St. Tichon's Orphanage, will take place, and the Arcadia is the venue. For the distinguished guests, who are attending this brilliant affair, a wonderful programme has been arranged and the occasion will long be remembered by all fortunate enough to secure tickets.

In this connection it was announced yesterday by the sponsors of the ball that very few tickets remain unsold. There are no more on sale at the orphanage and those intending to support the splendid institution, in aid of which the soirée has been organized, are asked to procure their tickets from members of the Ball Committee :—

Mme. J. Barraud, Mr. J. Kindness, Mrs. J. M. Doyle, Mme. A. Jaspar, Mr. L. de Luca, Mrs. W. C. Worden, Mme. G. Coquelet, Mr. J. R. Kale, Mrs. M. Kozpolin, Mrs. L. Synnerberg, Mrs. O. Dronnikoff, Miss L. de Gherardi, and members of the ladies committee of St. Tichon's Orphanage.

Splendid Work Done

Details of the programme at the ball have already been published but little is known among the general community of the difficulties which beset the orphanage, in aid of which the programme has been arranged. Suffice it to say, the orphanage is doing splendid work in totally inadequate, gloomy, dismal and unrepaired premises.

The orphanage has received notice to vacate the premises and would gladly do so if others more spacious and more congenial, were available. At the present moment it has no means of securing other premises and its funds are low. Yet, in spite of this, it carries on housing its crowd of happy waifs, who live in surroundings which must be improved.

An appeal will shortly be issued on behalf of St. Tichon's Orphanage. Brig.-Gen. E. B. Macnaghten will act as president of the Appeal Committee and he will be supported by Mrs. G. V. Synnerberg, vice-chairman of the Ladies Committee, Mr. E. F. Harris, Chairman; and Mr. J. Kindness, hon. treasurer.

It is on this appeal that the Committee bases its hope that St. Tichon's will be able to surmount its many difficulties and will be able to bring a little more happiness to its homeless children.

Reich Assures Rumania Reds Not to Attack

Rome, Jan. 29.

Germany has assured Rumania that it need fear no Russian attempt to seize the rich oil-bearing Bessarabia area since Germany was confident of obtaining continued large oil shipments from Rumania, authoritative quarters here said today.—United Press.

Municipal Orchestra

Concert on Sunday at Lyceum Theatre

Overture "Leonord No. 3" ....Beethoven
Intermezzo from the cantata "Orfeo" Pergolesi-Gui
Symphony in G major ("Military") Haydn
Two nocturnes for orchestra ...Debussy
Notturno e Rondo Fantastico Pick-Mangiagalli

This concert on Sunday at the Lyceum reached no great heights or depths but was an averagely interesting affair. It was a very pleasantly refreshing change to hear the orchestra under Professor Foa playing a Haydn symphony. Out of over 100 symphonies by Haydn, time for only one is found in most seasons, undoubtedly because there are so many more important symphonies to be got through. Even so it should be possible to include one or two more of Haydn's, perhaps in two-symphony programmes. They would certainly be popular.

Most of the best work on the programme, the overture, was missed by arriving late but all of the "Intermezzo" was heard and very beautiful it was. It would be interesting to know how much of this is due to the skill of the orchestrator, Gui. Probably quite a lot for it appears that Pergolesi (1710-1736) was a rather commonplace composer in his time who strangely acquired an altogether undeserved posthumous fame.

Best after the interval was the nocturne "Fetes." "Nuages," the first played of the two nocturnes, was nowhere near so successful. Possibly the orchestra found it too much of a change from the strenuous presto finale of the symphony to the fragility of this. But they were thoroughly attuned to "Fetes." Incidentally, why do we never hear the third nocturne, "Sirenes."

The concert could quite suitably have ended after the Debussy. But unfortunately there was time for the work by Pick-Mangiagalli. The nocturne part was pretty: not so the Rondo. "Bombastico" would have been a better title.—C.

Tokyo Cabinet May Have Easy Time

Minseito Expected to Support Government's Solutions of Problems

Tokyo, Jan. 29.

Assured of support from political parties of both houses, the Cabinet of Admiral Mitsumasa Yonai, Premier, was expected to meet with little opposition in the coming sessions of the Diet, which reconvenes on January 31, observers said today.

In contrast with its attitude during the tenure of the Abe Cabinet, the Minseito Party was prepared to give as much support as possible to the Cabinet in executing measures for terminating the China conflict and dealing with domestic problems.

The party also will help smooth the way for approval of the budget and passage of other bills which it deems especially important.

Attaching due significance to wartime financial questions, Minseito leaders will assign Dr. Gotaro Ogawa and Mr. Takao Saito to act as interpellators after the policy speeches of the Cabinet Ministers.

Party Meeting Forecast

To make preparations for Diet procedure the Minseito will hold a general meeting on Wednesday, at which time Mr. Chuji Machida, President of the party, will be the principal speaker.

The Seiyukai, second largest party, also will lend its unstinted support to Cabinet policies for dealing with the China hostilities, internal issues and the international situation, according to observers.

Interpellating for the party, Mr. Kiroku Oguchi, of the orthodox faction under Mr. Fusanosuke Kuhara, and Dr. Minoru Togo, of the reform faction led by Mr. Chikuhei Nakajima, will pose queries on Government policies.

Both factions will hold meetings tomorrow to pave the way for their participation in Diet debates.

Informed quarters forecast that the Social Masses Party would adhere to its customary practice of studying all questions with critical eyes, weighing their respective merits, and, if any call for criticism, requesting the Government to set forth remedial measures.

This party will be represented by Mr. Jotaro Kawakami in debate periods.

Premier's Speech Reviewed

Subjects to be covered by the Premier, Admiral Mitsumasa Yonai, in his address on Government policy to the Diet on February 1 were to be decided at a meeting of the Cabinet today. Views on the matter were exchanged by Ministers on Friday.

Believing that the most important task confronting the Government was settlement of the China conflict, the Premier was expected to give special attention to policies with that end in view and to measures of co-operation with the projected central government for establishment of a new order in East Asia.—Domei.

Germany Asks Italy For Rolling Stock

Italian Needs May Preclude Satisfactory Arrangement

Rome, Jan. 28.

It is with the object of obtaining Italian rolling stock for Germany's weak railway system that Dr. Clodius, head of the Wilhelmstrasse's Economic Section, is in Rome today, it was learned this evening.

The Reich has already made desperate efforts to obtain rolling stock from Belgium, the Netherlands and Rumania. In all three cases the negotiations fell through. Italian quarters stated it is not very certain that Berlin will obtain much rolling stock from Italy.

Although Italian railways have been changed, to a great extent from steam to electricity and therefore there are some steam locomotives standing idle, there is also the fact that the Government at present is doing its utmost to raise the railway system to a high standard of efficiency.

Another question raised in German-Italian parleys must be that of Italian imports of coal from the Reich. These imports were transported by sea before the war, but now must be sent overland, therefore calling for more rolling stock. So that even if Italy may lend Germany a number of locomotives and rail wagons, they will have to be used primarily for the transport of coal to Italy.—Havas.

Victim Outwits Robbers

Quick thinking on the part of a Chinese victim of a band of six robbers, three of them armed with pistols, who robbed him of his cash and forced him to sign cheques to the total value of $10,000 when they broke into his home at House 17, Lane 19, Chinhai Road at 9 a.m. yesterday, resulted in the thieves departing with worthless scraps of paper where they had fondly believed they were raking in the thousands of dollars. When the victim made out the cheques he put his chop on them in such a manner that it would be impossible to cash them.

Chinese Crew of Scuttled Columbus Due Here

Yokohama, Jan. 29.

Twenty-three Chinese members of the crew of the scuttled German liner Columbus have been transferred from the President Cleveland to the Empress of Canada and are sailing for Shanghai, it was learned here today. The Columbus was scuttled by her German crew when she was off the United States coast because she was chased by a British warship.—United Press.

C.P.C. Falls in River

C.P.C. 2136 of the S.M.P. received an icy ducking when he fell into the Whangpoo River from No. 6 pontoon at 6 p.m. yesterday. He was hauled out by C.P.C. 2000 who was on duty on the pontoon at the time and taken to the Police Hospital suffering from immersion and chills.

S.V.C. Headquarters Staff Changes

Majors C. J. Corbin and W. M. Graham, of S.V.C. Headquarters, are leaving the service of the Volunteer Corps, upon return to Great Britain.

It has been decided by the Council not to replace Major Graham and to replace Major Corbin by the transfer from the P.W.D. of Mr. G. H. Mann, who is an experienced Volunteer Officer. Mr. Mann will not be replaced in the P.W.D. during the time he is seconded for work with the S.V.C.

Raid Alarm Sounds On Scots Coast

No Enemy Plane Seen; French Ship Torpedoed Off Coast of Spain

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

London, Jan. 29.

An air raid warning was sounded along the north-east coast area between 9 and 10 o'clock this morning. Coast and inland towns heard the sirens, but no gunfire was heard, and no planes were seen. People took cover without any excitement.

Most of Germany's wireless stations were off the air between noon and 1 p.m. today. A concert from Hanover, while relayed, was interrupted. In the past this indicated the presence of Allied aircraft.

According to an Air Ministry announcement, "enemy aircraft were reported off the north-east coast shortly after 9 a.m. Air-raid warnings were sounded in several districts. The all-clear signal was given about one hour later. "A number of R.A.F. fighter aircraft was sent up, and anti-aircraft guns opened fire in the Tyne district. No enemy aircraft crossed the coast."

Postcards received from Germany and announcements over the German radio during the past two days have brought news of the safety of another eight men from British submarines, which were sunk off Heligoland last week. All eight men had been reported missing by the Admiralty, and their families had feared the worst.

The German radio last night gave details of four more survivors, including Lieutenant Richard Kyrke, adding that more names would be announced shortly. Berlin claims that four officers and 26 ratings have been saved, and has so far given 20 names.—Reuter.

Curious Mine Incident

London, Jan. 28.

A rather curious mine incident occurred in a British south-eastern port when the anchor of a Dutch tanker, the Mamura, struck the mine and caused a terrific explosion just by the side of the vessel. Only four members of the crew were slightly injured and the ship escaped damage.

The explosion occurred when the tanker, preparing to sail, weighed anchor. As it was being hauled in, the anchor apparently struck the explosive feeler of the mine. Immediately a loud blast was heard and a high column of water spurted up close to the bow of the oil-laden tanker. By concussion, four sailors on the bridge were hurled on their faces. They sustained minor injuries and received prompt care from a shore physician who was sent on board within a few minutes. Only other loss suffered by the Mamura was the anchor, which was blown free of its chain.—Havas.

French Freighter Torpedoed

Vigo, Jan. 28.

The French freighter L'Alsacien was torpedoed off the Spanish coast at the same time as the other French cargo ship, Tourney, whose survivors were landed here two days ago. Seven injured members of the Tourny's crew are now in hospital.—Havas.

Friesian Isles as War Zones

Berlin, Jan. 29.

Seven islands of the Friesian group were proclaimed war zones for the duration of the war by the German High Command. The islands are Borkum, Juist, Norderney, Langeoog, Spierkeroog, Wangeroog and Sylt in the North Sea along the coasts of Holland and Belgium.—Reuter.

Tokyo to Broadcast Dramas to China

Tokyo, Jan. 29.

To counteract propaganda being circulated by the Chungking Government, the Japan Broadcasting Corporation will broadcast a series of dramas, it was announced today. The Corporation has also decided to augment its Chinese staff and organize a dramatic group.

Assisted by Miss Po Kuang, a singer attached to the Columbia Gramophone Company of Japan, and the staff of the Corporation's International Department, the broadcasting company has been presenting programmes in Mandarin and Kwantung dialects for the radio public in China.—Domei.

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Ad. Yonai's Diet Speech Approved by Cabinet

Japan to Seek Settlement Of War in China

Tokyo, Jan. 29.

The Cabinet today approved the draft speech to be delivered by the Prime Minister, Admiral Yonai, in the Diet on February 1.

Regarding the China Affair, the speech is said to reaffirm Japan's firm determination to seek a settlement of the affair in accordance with Japan's fixed policy, and to pledge the extension of unstinted support to the new central government expected to be formed in China shortly.

Admiral Yonai, it is stated, will also take the opportunity to reiterate that the Government's foreign policy is based on Japan's independent position, and that it will pursue a policy of non-intervention towards the European war in readjusting relations with foreign Powers.

The speech will also emphasize that home policies will be centred in the strengthening of national defences, the realization of which will be sought by replenishing armaments, enhancing the national spirit, expanding economic resources, and stabilising national livelihood during the emergency period.—Reuter.

Moscow Denies German Troops in Galicia

Moscow, Jan. 29.

The official Soviet news agency, Tass, denied the French report that German troops had entered eastern Galicia, describing the report as an "obvious falsehood." "There is not a single foreign soldier at present in west Ukraine," the agency said. "The good neighbourly relations between the U.S.S.R. and Germany precludes the possibility."—United Press.

New Anti-Comintern Group Advocated

Tokyo, Jan. 29.

The "Asahi Shimbun" understands that at a recent conference with the Japanese Ambassador in Rome, Count Ciano, the Italian Foreign Minister, suggested that if because of the Soviet-German rapproachement, Japan was dissatisfied with the anti-Comintern pact, a new group of anti-Comintern Powers might be formed. No further details are revealed by the "Asahi."—Reuter.

Jewish Woman Ordered To Leave Hongkong

Hongkong, Jan. 29.

A German Jewish woman, Mrs. Fanny Rothschild, who arrived by Air France on January 25, was charged today with entering the Colony without a valid passport. She was cautioned and ordered to leave.

Mrs. Rothschild is now proceeding to Shanghai to join her husband, who is stated to be distantly connected with the famous house of Rothschild in Germany.—Reuter.

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FUNERAL

M. Felix Pouet.

In presence of a large attendance of mourners, the funeral took place yesterday morning of the late Mr. Felix Pouet, Chief Health Inspector of the French Municipal Council, whose death occurred at Ste. Marie Hospital on Friday. At 8.30 Mass was celebrated in the Church of St. Pierre, Avenue Dubail, by Father Chalain, S. J. Those present included M. Baudez, French Consul-General, M. P. Auge, French Consul, Commandant Fabre, Dr. Palud, Mr. Ch. Grosbois and representatives from all branches of the Municipal Services as well as from the Police and French Army. The chief mourners were the widow and daughter. After the service a cortege was formed which wended its way to Lokawei Cemetery where the interment took place.

The coffin was borne to the grave by the following members of the Les Medailles Militaires Section:—Messrs. Gros, Colin, Ducoudray, Lafarge, Sitterle, Porte and Jadvoin. Father Chalain also officiated at the graveside where short addresses were delivered by M. Jean Brediam, Director-General of the French Municipal Council, M. Egal, President of The Old Combattants Association, and M. Courdier, President of Les Medailles Militaries. A beautiful floral tribute from Ligie and Lucienne was lowered into the grave with the casket. Among those sending floral wreaths were:—L'Ambassadeur de France, Le Consul Général de France, M. Marcel Baudez, M. Jean Brediam, Le Directeur General et le Personnel de l'Administration Municipale de la Concession Francaise de Changhai, Le President et les Membres de la Commission Provisoire d'Administration Municipale de la Concession Francaise de Changhai, Commandant Louis Fabre, M. and Mme. E. Ducoudray, M. and Mme. Gros, M. E. P. Jourdan, M. J. Le Roux et le personnel de L'Infirmerie, M. and Mme. R. Leger et Christiane, M. and Mme. Bougon, M. Andre Barberot, Dr. Jean Malval, Mme. Jean Malval, Le Directeur et le Personnel du Service des Finances de la Municipalite Francaise, Le President et l'Amicale des Anciens Combattants, M. and Mme. J. Rignot, M. and Mme. G. Cattand, M. A. Hannon, M. and Mme. L. Dedun, La famille Pellen, M. and Mme. Morelledras, Le Personnel des Services de la Police Francaise, Les Medailles Militaires 874eme. Section. La Commission d'Administration Municipale, Le Personnel Europeen du Service d'Hygiene et d'Assistance, Le Personnel Municipal, Detachement Francais de Changhai, Amicale des Anciens Combattants, Personnel Infirmerie Municipale, Les Officiers, S/Officiers, Caporaux et Sapeurs de la Compagnie de Pompiers, Association Sportive Francaise, Mr. Ken Kratochoil, Mr. S. V. Koteneff, Le Personnel Chinois du service d'Hygiene et D'assistance, Mr. Wu Hai Ju, etc.

Funeral arrangements were carried out under the direction of Messrs. Thomas MacDonald & Co.

Canada Preparing Third Division

Ottawa, Jan. 29.

The third Canadian division to be prepared for service with the British Expeditionary Forces will be automatically organized as soon as the second division, now in training, departs for Europe, it is believed here.—Havas.

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Carnations Lost In Bicycle Race

Delivery Coolie's Bike Used to Chase Thief

Spectators along Bubbling Well Road were held spellbound at the sight of a Russian member of the Reserve Unit of the S.M.P. speeding after a bicycle thief at 11.40 yesterday morning, leaving a crimson stream of carnations in his wake.

The Red Marias were wending their way along Bubbling Well Road when a pedestrian shouted "armed robber" and pointed to a man who was making a hasty getaway on a bicycle. The large police vans were unable to manœuver for the chase so the Russian reservist jumped off one of the vehicles and commandeered a bicycle from a protesting coolie who was evidently delivering flowers for a florist.

Paying no heed to the coolie's objection the Russian leaped aboard the bicycle and, complete with flowers, gave chase to the fleeing bandit. In the heat of the hunt the carnations were shook loose from their fastening and dropped into the road, one by one. When the Russian finally caught up with the fugitive he discovered that he wasn't an armed robber at all, but he had stolen the bicycle he was riding.

It was estimated that there were $30 or $40 worth of carnations on the delivery coolie's bicycle. Who's going to pay?

Germans Buy Up Supply Of Electric Heaters

Factories Can Deliver More Only in Summer

Berne, Jan. 28.

The supply of electric heaters in Germany has been exhausted by eager purchasers and factories flooded with orders have had to turn them down for deliveries could be made only in summer, the "Neue Zurcher Zeitung" reported today.

The coal famine in Germany was responsible for the rush to buy electric heaters, the newspaper pointed out. A direct result is the present scarcity of all electric heating apparatus.—Havas.

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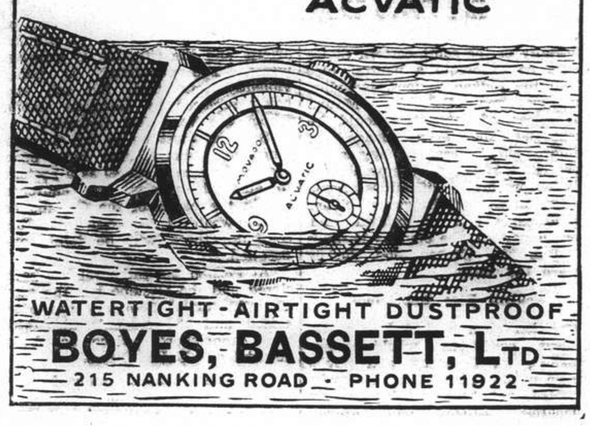
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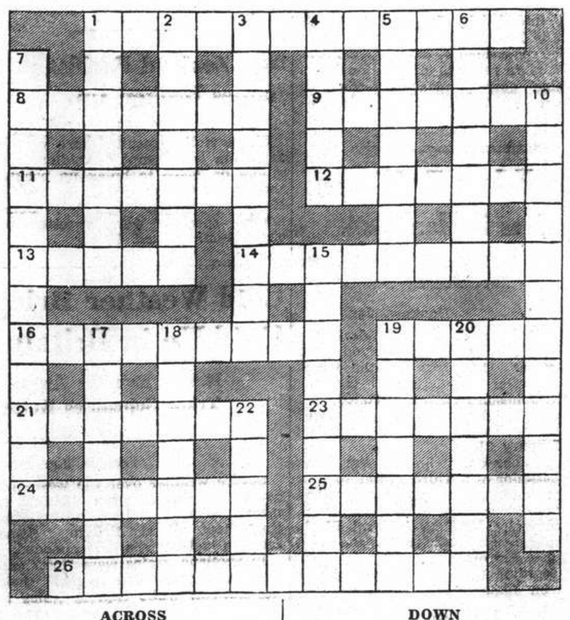

ACROSS

1 Eastern fan-male (two words)
8 A bit of a sailor one way, this snare (two words)
9 Nice present for a golfer (two words)
11 Here in Africa there's mostly tune and magic
12 This made the first man home last
13 It makes shade
14 Add about a backward lady, please understand
16 An artist whose name has lived, evidently (two words)
19 From broth to beat
21 There are angry beginnings in a row in this foreign town
23 The amateur in theatricals is apt to do so
24 The end of this plant is used for catching fish
25 To sit on this mound may prove a ticklish business
26 Striking here is not cricket! (three words)

DOWN

1 Windows may be, or soldiers
2 We see you abroad at last, although so timid
3 He evidently wants to start a job, but can't finish
4 Their beatings only lead to elevation
5 Poor food that aids travel (two words)
6 A cry from the fruit hawker (two words)
7 Not stuff for constructing defence works, but a weapon (two words)
10 Its contents are very stimulating (two words)
15 The home of the cleric era
17 Re-tuned to something false
18 Musical term
19 This is often under the table
20 He prefers facts to fancies
22 Upset the brute, and drive back

Y'DAY'S SOLUTION.—**ACROSS:** 1, Black Hole; 9, Armour; 10, Entourage 11, Stanza, 12, Goldsmith; 13, Mallow; 17, Pip; 19, Plenipotentiary; 20, Ten; 21, Cathay; 25, Sandpiper; 26, Lentil; 27, Subaltern; 28, Sinful; 29, Personnel. **DOWN:** 2, Londdon; 3, Crowds; 4, Harems; 5, Light literature; 6, Bret Harte; 7, Cornelian; 8, Broadways; 14, Speckless; 15, Pertinent; 16, Vicarious; 17, Pot; 18, Pen; 22, Ideals; 23, Picton; 24, Decree.

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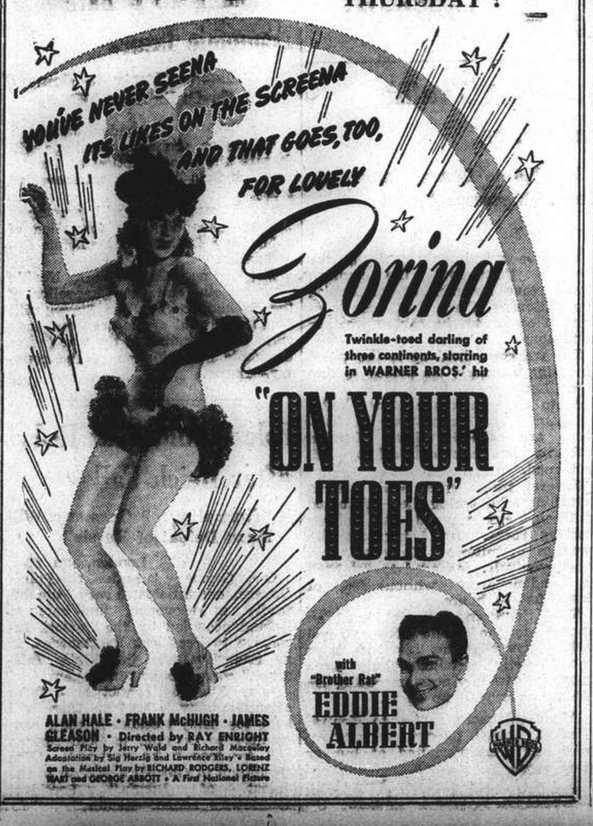
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FROM DAY TO DAY

Mr. John Lennox returned yesterday to Tsingtao after a brief visit to Shanghai.

Mr. W. M. Weston of Messrs. Lavers and Clark, sailed yesterday for Weihaiwei.

Final measures were being enforced on Sunday to permit members of the Canadian Expeditionary Force across the Atlantic to vote during the forthcoming General Election. Mr. John Thompson of Ottawa was designated today to receive the votes.

At the annual meeting of the Swedish Association in China, which was held on Friday, at the French Club, the following committee was elected for the year 1940:—Chairman: Mr. E. Edwards; Vice-Chairman, A. A. Waltman; Secretary, S. Beijer; Treasurer, T. A. Hultman; B. Lindskog.

At the elections of the Hellenic Benevolent Society of China held on January 21, the following officers were elected to serve for the ensuing year, Mr. A. C. Nicolachis, president; N. Pippides, hon. secretary; N. Tsicristsis, hon. treasurer; V. Castsro and P. Delliyannis, members of the committee.

At a recent meeting of the Municipal Council, it was agreed to suggest to the Consular Body that the Municipal Election dates for 1940 be fixed for Wednesday and Thursday, April 10 and 11; and that the Annual Meeting of Ratepayers be held on Wednesday, April 17, commencing at 2.30 p.m.

Quoting reports from the Shanghai Rolled Tobacco Merchants Association, the Chinese press reported yesterday that the business done by tobacco merchants during the past year amounted to at least $120,000,000 breaking the pre-war time record. All tobacco merchants were said to have made large profits.

As a means of encouraging the exportation of Chinese silk goods manufactured in Shanghai to the Chinese-controlled areas, the Ministry of Economic Affairs will shortly accord special privileges, such as the reduction of freight charges, to silk merchants in this city, states a report to the "Sin Wan Pao."

The sum of $13,854,896 was disbursed by the Kiangsi Provincial Government during 1939 in aid of the various primary and middle schools in the province, states a Kian message to the "Sin Wan Pao." It is estimated that by the first half of 1939, there were 108 middle schools throughout the province with a total enrolment of 3,260 students and a staff of 2,202, the report adds.

Leap Year dinner dance on February 29, at the A.W.C., 577 Bubbling Well Road, is being organized by the 1st Shanghai Rangers, Girls Guides. The proceeds will be divided between the British War Fund and Ranger charity work. Tickets obtainable from any member of the company or from the Ranger Captain, 1102/3 Bubbling Well Road. Various games and entertainment are being arranged.

The Shanghai Municipal Council health report for the week ending midnight, January 27, shows that the total number of deaths from all causes amongst the foreign and Chinese population in the Settlement were:—Foreigners, 15 and Chinese 644. Deaths from notifiable diseases were:—Foreigners, Tuberculosis 4. Chinese, Tuberculosis 34; Typhoid Fever 8; Dysentery 4; Beri-beri 3; Diphtheria 2.

This week's meeting of the Rotary Club of Shanghai which will be held on February 1, at 12.15 p.m. will be a Ladies' Day. The programme will be devoted to the problems of refugee relief and their solving by various relief organizations, of which the Salvation Army has been much to the fore. The meeting will be held at the Metropole Hotel, 1st Floor, but it is imperative that members and guests make their reservations promptly.

The China Motion Picture Company which is building a studio in Chapei is now busily engaged in filming a picture entitled "The Birth of a New China" in order to enable the public to understand the importance of the new central government in the making, states the "Sin Shun Pao." The meeting of the "big three," Messrs. Wang Ching-wei, Wang Ke-ming and Liang Hung-chi in Tsingtao, has already been filmed, it is stated.

Soup, prepared by the Imperial Households as a gift from Empress Nagako, was given yesterday to Prince Kimmochi Saionji, 90-year-old statesman who has been ill at his villa here for more than a week. The gift was brought to Okitsu by Mr. Kurahei Yuasa, Lord Keeper of the Privy Seal, and Count Ukenaga Kanroji, Chamberlain, who visited the Prince yesterday. The Prince, the last of the "genro," was reported to be much better yesterday.

The health report of the French Municipality for the week ending January 27, shows that the total number of deaths from all causes amongst the foreign and Chinese population in the Concession were:—Foreigners 10 and Chinese 229. Deaths from notifiable diseases were:—Foreigners, Tuberculosis 2 and Dysentery 1. Chinese, Tuberculosis 27; Pneumonia 7; Dysentery 6; Typhoid and Parratyphoid Fevers 6; Beri-beri 2 and Diphtheria, Cerebrospinal Meningitis, Marsh Fever, Septicemia 1 each.

A total of 2,297 suits of warm clothes were given out by the Shanghai Office of the National Child Welfare Association of China for the last three days beginning January 27 until yesterday to the stranded street children found in the poorest districts around the International Settlement and French Concession. Four hundred and thirty-five suits were for the northern district distributed at the Shaoshing Guild at 830 Elgin Road on January 27, 1,200 suits for the western district distributed at the centre of the Rickshaw Pullers' Mutual Aid Association at 288 Markham Road on January 28, and 662 suits for the southern district distributed at the Shanghai Child Welfare Home at 1231 Rue Lafayette yesterday.

Shanghai Responds to Hot Rice Appeal

$8,000 Received Yesterday To Continue Good Work

Indicative of the way in which Shanghai has nobly responded to the Salvation Army's appeal to continue its present widespread distribution of hot rice to hundreds of the city's homeless and penniless, is the fact that yesterday the sponsors of the campaign received no less than $8,000. Thus the total amount received since the distribution commenced has now been increased to over $10,000.

The Chinese members of the community in addition to foreigners, are taking a deep interest in this work of succouring those who are unable to provide for themselves and much of the money received has come from Chinese families.

In addition a number of Chinese women have offered their services to the organizers of the hot rice distribution and in future they will assist the present staff to hand out the rice twice a day—at noon and in the evening. It is interesting to note that since the campaign started the number of dead homeless persons, who have been picked off the streets, has decreased.

The Salvation Army 'Rice Bus' and 'Waifs Fund.'

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Wing On Textile Co., Ltd.	500.00
China Tea Co.	500.00
E. S. Tyau (family members and servants)	302.00
Anon	250.00
"Family Tchou"	150.00
A. U. Fox	100.00
E. C. Allan	100.00
C. K. Ho	100.00
J. C. Y. Fang	100.00
C. Brahn	100.00
"R. B."	100.00
G. V. Fuller	100.00
Whiteaway, Laidlaw, Staff	91.50
China United Lamp Co., Staff and China General Edison Co., Staff	63.20
W. Latrille	56.00
C. S. Keh	50.00
Hinds & Barr (in memory of Mr. R. F. Picozzi)	50.00
C. S. Lai	50.00
Shanghai Leather Co.	50.00
L. H. Hannach	50.00
China United Lamp Co.	50.00
"A Friend"	50.00
D.M.	50.00
G. Pollock	50.00
C. C. Knox	50.00
Sung	40.00
Miss E. Kerley	35.00
"E.H.F."	30.00
P. Taylor	30.00
Rev. P. C. Matthews	30.00
E. G. Zacharias	25.00
R. L. Stewart	25.00
D. K. Mistry	25.00
J. I. Notrica	25.00
E. T. Hooper	25.00
J. J. Mokrejs	25.00
Anon	25.00
"Warm"	25.00
J.G.	25.00
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T. M. Ying	5.00
C. L. Chiang	5.00
A Child	1.00
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Japanese Army Here Not Satisfied

Study Measures to Control Anti-Japanese Elements

Japanese Army officials in Shanghai were not necessarily satisfied with the control of anti-Japanese elements in the International Settlement and French Concession and measures were being studied and considered to counteract this situation, the Japanese Army spokesman said yesterday. He was not in a position to disclose these measures, he added, but in view of the character of the Settlement and Concession, this question could not be settled by the Japanese alone.

Asked whether conditions here might develop into a blockade similar to that being imposed upon British and French Concessions in Tientsin, the spokesman replied that this was a purely hypothetical question and he was not in a position to answer it.

The steps being taken in Tientsin, he said, are being taken in the execution of a blockade carried out by the Army because the Tientsin command considers such steps necessary. The purpose was clearly explained, he added, to prevent the entry of anti-Japanese elements into Japanese-occupied territory.

Decree Absolute Granted

A decree absolute was granted the petitioner, Lena Brook, in a divorce action aganist Edwin Brook by Judge Sir Allan Mossop in H.M. Supreme Court yesterday morning. Mr. K. E. Newman appeared for the petitioner.

Sleeping City of the Western Front

Evacuated in the first week of the European war, the French border city of Strasbourg presents a strange sight today, no sign of life being seen in its streets. This is the nearest French town of any size to German territory.

Allies Maintain Parliamentary Traditions During War

French Deputies Visit England; Closest Contact with British Colleagues Sought

Special to the "N.C.D.N."

London, Jan. 29.

Very warm welcome has been given to a party of French deputies, which arrived in London yesterday, by British Parliamentarians, with whom they will have many opportunities for discussion and personal exchange during the visit, the programme of which has also been planned to give them means of appreciating the British war effort.

The party was led by a former Foreign Minister, M. Yvon Delbos, who last evening broadcast a message to France describing the purpose of this visit.

The French Ambassador, M. Charles Corbin, gave a dinner last night at which representatives of the House of Commons met members of the French delegation, and the British Government is giving a dinner tonight.

On Tuesday, the visitors will dine with their British colleagues at the House of Commons.

Newspapers here give much prominence to the arrival of the party. The plans of the visit and the meetings with the British members of Parliament are regarded as providing useful aid to a fuller mutual understanding between the elected representatives of the British and French peoples, which is an essential foundation for the close collaboration upon which the two Governments have embarked.—Reuter.

Inter-Parliamentary Committee

London, Jan. 29.

Brilliant illustration of methods of Anglo-French collaboration is given in the formation and work of the Anglo-French Inter-Parliamentary Committee whose French members are now visiting London, M. Delbos declared in his broadcast. This Committee, British political quarters said, will serve to keep the Parliaments of France, Britain and the Dominions fully informed of trends of Parliamentary opinion in all the Allied lands. The Committee will serve to clear away the few minor misunderstandings that inevitably must crop up in any alliance between two such vast organisations as the French and British empires.

It is the aim of the Committee to have its members present in their respective Parliaments the views of the other side's Parliamentarians, to give the French M.P.'s their allies' view of events and to give the British an insight into the French attitude on current developments.

Particularly important will be the Committee's role in the question of war aims, it was stated, and in such questions as the division of tasks in pursuing the war, the extent of British military participation in land operations, relations with third powers, and especially the problem of relations with Soviet Russia.

British Recruiting Explained

The "double method" of recruiting in Britain was explained in detail to the group of French correspondents making a tour through England. It was pointed out that the two ways of swelling the size of the army, by conscription and by volunteer enlistments, have proved extremely efficacious.

The three classes that have been enrolled in June, October and December have contributed 620,000 men to the army, while the class currently being inducted into the armed forces, all men between 20 and 23 years of age, will increase this number by another 200,000. By the end of March there will be 1,200,000 Britons serving while by the end of 1940, a total of 2,500,000 men will be in the field.

The correspondents, besides visiting a number of training schools and naval and air bases, spent some time at Sandhurst, the British military school where the men of the first Canadian contingent to arrive in Europe are billeted. This regiment is composed solely of volunteers, of which a large number are French-Canadians.

At one naval centre visited, the journalists were shown the German magnetic mine, whose efficacy has now been rendered nil by the British navy's precautionary measures.

Mr. Leslie Burgin, Minister of Supplies, and Sir John Reith, Minister of Information, are today to be interviewed by the correspondents, who will also meet General Lelong, head of the French Military Mission in England.

The impressions the newspapermen have gleaned from their comprehensive tour are that Britain is prepared for a long and terrible war and they are ready for any possible surprises that may be in store.

Britain's present rate of production is excellent and the precision of organization exemplary.—Havas.

20 Alleged Strikers Before Court

Twenty alleged pickets of strikers of a Chinese rubber factory in Penang Road who participated in a battle royal with the Gordon Road police on Saturday were brought before the First Special District Court yesterday on a writ of detention. It was revealed in court that fearing that their management might reduce their wages, workers of the factory called a strike and after organizing a picket gang tried to interfere with female workers. While the police tried to disperse the strikers they were attacked by the latter armed with stones and bars. During the conflict one constable was seriously injured while two foreign officers suffered scratches. Two strikers were also injured while most of the detained men were arrested on the spot.

Red Leader's Bride Out of Favour

Chinese Cinema Star Coming Here After Kwangsi Trip

Miss Lan Ping, former cinema star and dramatist in Shanghai who recently was married to Mr. Mou Chieh-tung, the Chinese Communist political leader in Shensi, is now reported to be out of favour. She will go to Kwangsi to direct a dramatists' propaganda corps there and may return to Shanghai to reorganize dramatists here, the report states.

The first report about Miss Lan's movements was published by the Chinese press here last week stating that she would return to Shanghai to renew her activities here, but yesterday's report stated that in reality she had not yet left Yenan, the Communist headquarters in Shensi. She will leave Shensi for Kwangsi, via Chungking and Kunming in March of this year, it was said.

She has received new orders from the Communist political council appointing her to head the drama section of the propaganda department of Communist soldiers in the south west, which position necessitates her to go to Kweiling in Kwangsi. By doing so she will displace Ho Yen, another Communist artist at present working in Kwangsi who has been transferred to Shensi.

Miss Lan may return to Shanghai to recruit propaganda dramatists to work for her in Kwangsi. Dramatist organizations in Shanghai are said to have been freed from Communist direction since last year and most of them have participated in the peace movement. Communist dramatists, however, still wish that Miss Lan would come here to direct them and have requested the Communist headquarters to send Miss Lan to Shanghai, according to the report.

The reason why Miss Lan has been transferred from Shensi to Kwangsi was said to be disfavour on the part of her newly married husband. Mr. Mou was said to have sent her away to "facilitate his other developments."

Jewish Stowaway Returns Here

Abraham Schapira, 49-year old Polish-Jewish refugee, was handed over to the Jewish Refugee Committee in Shanghai yesterday by the River Police after a pleasure jaunt to Hongkong and back. Schapira stowed away in the ss. Conte Verde when the Lloyd Triestino liner sailed for Hongkong on January 28. The authorities in Hongkong refused to let him land, however, and promptly tucked him safely away in the first ship sailing for Shanghai, which happened to be the Italian motor ship Sumatra. The Sumatra arrived here on Sunday and the Captain handed over the returned stowaway to the Customs River Police.

OBITUARY

Mrs. N. H. Lacey

The death occurred at the Country Hospital on Sunday morning of Mrs. Beryl Beda Lacey, wife of Mr. N. H. Lacey, of Lacey, Cannan, Ltd., at the age of 43.

Beryl Rasmussen, then a little girl of five years of age, arrived in Shanghai during 1901 with Captain Rasmussen and his family, from Geelong, Australia, her birthplace, her father being engaged on the construction of Holt's Wharf.

In 1902, she made her first stage appearance as the "Urchin" in the A.D.C. production of "One Summer's Day" at the old Lyceum Theatre. Photographs of this performance are still on view at the present Lyceum. In later years, she earned local fame as producer, particularly of Peter Pan, which she produced in several successive years during the last Great War.

Captain Rasmussen and the rest of his family moved to the U.S.A., where his profession called him, leaving his eldest son, O.D.R. (Rasmussen) and Beryl in Shanghai. The former was then serving an apprenticeship and Beryl was completing her schooling under Miss Patterson, Head Mistress of the Thomas Hanbury School.

After completion of her school days, Beryl stayed on at school as a pupil teacher, subsequently qualifying as a Froebel teacher, and earning some local repute at Hockey and at Tennis, in both of which games she excelled.

In 1920, she married Mr. I. F. Drysdale of the A.P.C., spending the next several years at Changsha, Kiukiang and Chinkiang, till the 1927 anti-foreign troubles sent her and her two infants, Mavis and Islay, evacuees to Long Beach, California.

A year later saw them back in China, and Mrs. Drysdale engaged in teaching once again, first at what has since become St. Giles British School, Tsingtao, of which she was Acting Headmistress in the absence in England of the Principal, Miss Tilly. Upon Miss Tilly's return to China, Mrs. Drysdale returned to Shanghai, for which town she always had much affection, and later she rejoined the teaching staff of the S.M.C., resigning this service only in 1934, to marry Mr. N. H. Lacey of Lacey, Cannan, Ltd., Shanghai.

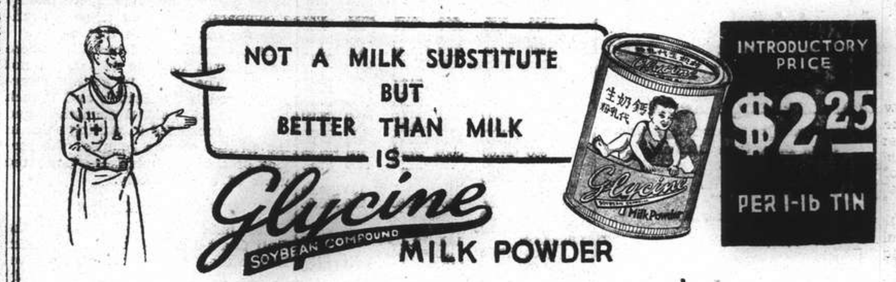
She now leaves the Shanghai which she loved as few foreigners do, at the early age of 43 being mourned by her husband and four children—Mavis, aged 19, a probationer at St. Mary's Hospital, London, Islay, aged 18 and now at the King's School, Ely, Mary three-and-a-half and Gillian, two-and-a-half, in Shanghai. In Australia she is survived by her mother and a younger brother. In California by two sisters and in England by her brother, O. D. Rasmussen, who will be remembered here for his cricketing prowess and who is well-known for his writings upon China and the Far East. Beryl had a very cheery personality, having a wonderful way with children, for which both her training and her love for young people qualified her.

The funeral service will be held in the Chapel of the Bubbling Well Cemetery, today at 3 p.m.

Mr. Tanryo Murata

Hachioji, Jan. 29.

Mr. Tanryo Murata, famous Japanese painter, died at the Sekita Hospital here on Saturday. He was 68 years old.—Domei.



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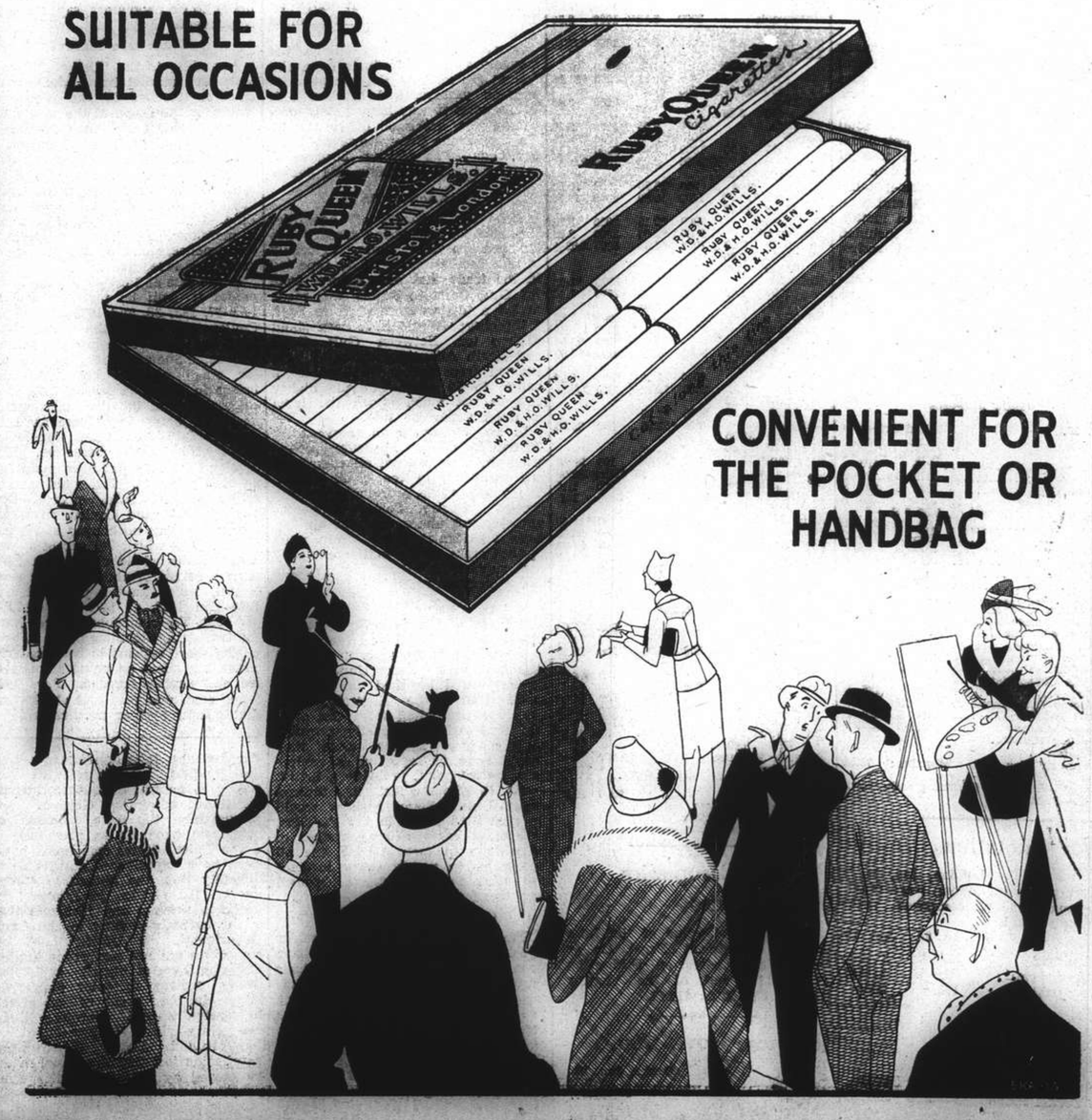

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Money and Exchange

Hongkong & Shanghai Bank

MONDAY, JANUARY 29, 1940

BANK'S SELLING RATES 10 A.M.

£1 @ 4 1/16d.	$ 51.20
U.S. $100 @ 7 1/8	$1,280.00
Francs 344	$100
Yen 33 7/8	100
Guilders 14 1/2	100
Rupees 26	100
Pesos 15 5/8	100
Hongkong $31 1/4	100

BANK'S BUYING RATES 10 A.M.

£1 @ 4 3/16d.	$ 49.54
Stg. Notes £1 @ 5 1/4d.	$ 45.71
U.S. $100 @ 8 1/16	$1,240.31
London—demand, $1=	4 1/16d.
4 months' sight credits	4 1/16d.
4 months' sight docts	4 1/16d.
6 months' sight credits	4 1/16d.
6 months' sight docts	4 1/16d.
New York—demand, $100=	U.S.$99 1/8
4 months' sight credits	U.S.$98 1/8
4 months' sight docts	U.S.$98 1/4

INTERBANK CLOSING SELLING RATES

Sterling 4 1/16d.	U.S. $7 1/32
Hongkong/London	1/2 1/32

WEI WAH DISCOUNT

Wei Wah $1,023.00	C.N.$1,000.00

Netherlands Trading Society

Netherlands Guilders	Buying 15 1/8
Java Guilders	" 15
Netherlands Guilders	Selling 14 3/4
Java Guilders	" 14 5/8

American Express Co., Inc.

Buying	U.S.$100=$1,250.00	£1=	$49.870
Selling	U.S.$100=$1,280.00	£1=	$51.200

Banque Belge Pour L'Etranger

Belgas	0.46=$1	Belgas	23.50=£1

Italian Bank for China

It. Lire	1.56=$1	Swiss Frs.	35=$.
Tourist Lire	1.73		=$1

Hua Hsing Commercial Bank

Sterling Selling Rate @	6d	per	H.H.$ 1
" Buying " @	6 1/32	"	H.H.$ 1
U.S.$ Selling " @	1/32	"	H.H.$100
" Buying " @	10 1/32	"	H.H.$100

LOCAL DOLLAR (FAPI)

Selling Rate	@ 125	per	H.H.$100
Buying "	@ 130	"	H.H.$100

Local Exchange Report

Messrs. Drakeford, Davis & Wilson

INTER BANK CASH DELIVERY

£	Highest 4 1/2	Lowest	4 1/2
U.S. G.$	7 1/2		7 3/4
Yen	—		—

MERCHANT CLOSING RATES

	SELLING		BUYING
Jan.			Jan./Feb.
£ T.T.	4 1/2	4 m/s. l.c.	4 1/2
G.$ T.T.	7 3/4	4 m/s. l.c.	7 1/2
Frs. T.T.	343	4 m/s.	356
Rs. T.T.	25 7/8	15 d/s.	26 3/8

NEW YORK/LONDON CROSS RATE

New York closing Rate for Cash	3.99
Local sellers U.S.$ for Cash	3.98 3/4
Local buyers U.S.$ for Cash	3.99 1/4

The local exchange market opened with sellers to merchants at 4 1/2 sterling and 7 1/8 U.S.$.

The Interbank market opened with sellers for near at 4 1/2 sterling and 7 1/8 U.S.$ and a slight tendency to sell, business being done as high as 4 1/2 sterling and 7 1/8 U.S.$, after which the market became easy and rates gradually declined. The low rates for the day were 4 1/2 sterling and 7 1/4 P.S.$, but the market closed with small sellers at:—

4 1/2	sterling	7 1/2 U.S.$	Cash/Jan.
4 1/2	"	7 1/2 "	Feb.
4 1/2	"	7 3/8 "	Mar.

Local Commodities

Yesterday's Prices

Changshu rice per shih (176 lb.)	$40.00
Sungkiang rice "	40.00
Saigon rice "	41.50
Cotton yarn 20's, Double Horse per bale	$738.50
Tungchow cotton .. per picul	175.00
Wheat per picul (50 kilos)	$20.00
Flour, local per bag (49lb.)	10.00
Flour, export per bag (49lb.)	12.00
	picul
Raw silk, Steamfil, Ex. B 13/15	$5600
Raw silk, Steamfil, 13/15 83%	
Raw silk, Steamfil, 20/22	5,000
Raw silk, Steamfil, 20/22 78%	5,100

Cargo Destined For Germany Seized

DURING the week ending January 6, the British Contraband Control intercepted and detained 6,200 tons of contraband goods of which there was evidence that they were destined for Germany. This total included:—2,400 tons of Petroleum and Allied products; 1,000 tons of pig lead; 1,400 tons of miscellaneous foodstuffs; 800 tons of non-metallic products; 150 tons of oils and fats; 100 tons of various ores and metals. Other commodities detained included cotton, rubber, gums and resins, chemicals, tanning materials, and hides and skins. The British Contraband Control have now, in the first 18 weeks of war, detained a total of 544,000 tons.

Manila Gold Shares

(Bids in Pesos)

Jan. 29.	Bid Prices a.m. Closing	p.m. Closing
Atoks	.205	.195
Antamok	.175 S	.17 S
Baguio Gold	.245 S	.24 S
Batong Buhay	.014	.015 S
Benguet Consolidated	5.50 * S	
Big Wedge	.22 S	.22 S
Coco Grove	.145 S	.145 S
Consolidated Mines	.0035 S	.0035 S
Demonstration	.13	.13 S
East Mindanao	.105 S	.105 S
I. X. L.	.40 S	.40 S
Itogon	.28	.275
Mambulao Consolidated	.010	.010 S
Masbate Consolidated	.11 S	.11 S
Mine Operations	.11 S	.105 S
North Camrines	.135 S	.135 S
Paracale Gumaus	.225	.225
San Mauricio	.86 S	.85 S
Surigao Consolidated	.18	.18 S
Suyoc	.135	.135 S
Syndicate Investment	.027 S	.027 S
United Paracale	.325 S	.325 S
Mindanao Motherlode	.0975 S	.0975 S

*—Over counter.
S—Sales.

Turnover for the Morning: 79.24 Pesos.

Shares Index: (Morning Session) 100,700.—Reuter.

Silver Quotations

London, Jan. 29.

Silver prices in London were fixed 1/8d. lower today, compared with Saturday's levels.

	Jan. 26	Jan. 29
London spot	21 1/16d.	21 1/16d.
" forward	21 5/16d.	21 3/16d.
" gold	168/—	168/—

—Reuter.

Cross Rates

Yesterday's Closing

London/New York	U.S.$4.0350	59.478d.
New York/London	3.99	60.15d.

Shanghai Stocks

Yesterday's Business

The market was again remarkably firm and though the volume was not tremendous, nevertheless, the character of the buying was extremely good with the usual favourites participating. Trusts and Yangtszes were both particularly firm on the publication of the statistical values. Docks, New Engines and Wharves all had good rises with buyers unsatisfied at the close. Probably the most spectacular move was that of Lumbers which opened at 46 to close with business done at 51. The firmness of Industrials was reflected in Rubbers with the higher priced shares all improving.

Official Averages

1940 High	1940 Low		Today's Averages	Change
258.76	105.33	General	246.51	+4.50
286.68	95.55	Rubbers	368.73	+7.17

Total 497,746 shares, 293 bonds.

Business Done

Central Prop.	500	17.40	500	17.70
†200 17.60				
I. I. Trust	500	15.50	1000	15.40
1000 15.50	500	15.60	500	15.50
3500 15.40	500	*15.40	1000	15.30
500 15.40	2000	15.40	1000	*15.50
1500 15.40	500	15.30	500	*15.40
2000 15.40	2500	15.30	500	*15.30
500 *15.40	500	15.30		
†3500 15.40	1000	15.50	500	*15.40
500 15.50	1000	15.60		
S'hai Loan	4000	18.50	2000	*18.50
500 18.30	500	*18.40	2000	18.40
1000 18.50	500	18.40		
†2000 18.30	1000	*18.30	4000	18.40
Yangtsze Finance	1500	13.30	4000	13.20
500 *13.10	500	13.00	2000	13.10
3500 13.20	8000	13.30		
†1000 13.30	5000	13.40	1000	*13.40
Int. Assurance			1500	13.00
†3500 13.00				
China Realty	1500	9.25	1000	*9.25
500 9.30	500	*9.40	500	9.45
1500 9.30	1000	*9.30	4500	9.35
2500 9.30	500	9.35	4500	9.30
†1000 9.30	500	9.35	1000	9.40
3000 9.45	500	*9.40	500	9.40
2500 9.45	500	*9.45	2000	*9.50
1500 9.45	1000	*9.50	500	9.40
S'hai Land	5000	14.90	3000	14.80
†1000 14.80	1000	*14.80	500	14.70
New Eng. (Ord)	800	*27.50	2300	27.50
100 27.25	100	27.00	100	26.75
300 27.00	200	*27.00	2300	27.25
2100 *27.00	1300	27.25	200	*27.25
100 27.00	1000	27.25	2500	27.00
300 *27.00	500	*26.75	600	27.00
†800 *27.00	2200	27.00	400	27.25
600 *27.00	3600	27.25	100	*27.25
100 27.50	100	*27.50	1100	27.25
300 27.50				
S'hai Dock			100	280.00
S. & H. Waarf	200	‡292.00	100	295.00
50*295.00				
†200*‡302.00				
Wheelock	1000	*75.00	500	75.00
†800 75.00	100	*75.00		
C. G. Omnibus			1100	24.75
†200 24.75				
Telephone	500	23.50	100	*23.50
300 23.75				
†500 24.00	200	*24.00		
Tram (Bearer)	£1		200	45.75
100 *46.00				
†300 45.75				
S. W. W. "A"	£20		25	865.00
Metal	2000	*21.50	100	21.75
400 22.00	1000	*21.75	2000	*21.75
500 *22.00	300	21.75	2000	*21.75
100 *21.50	500	21.50	500	21.75
200 *21.50	800	21.75	500	*21.75
100 *22.00	100	21.75	100	*21.75
100 22.00	100	*22.00	500	*21.75
2400 22.00	300	*22.00	200	21.75
700 *21.50	400	21.50	2200	21.75
†11700 *22.00	1900	22.00	4800	22.25
800 *22.25	200	22.00		
Kaiping			200	50.00
Lumber	100	46.00	100	47.00
200 *47.00	600	47.50	200	48.00
†400 49.00	200	49.50	200	49.00
100 49.25	200	50.00	100	*50.50
300 51.00				
Exploration	500	10.60	3000	10.80
500 *10.80	500	*10.90	500	10.90
6500 10.80	500	*10.80		
†3000 10.80	500	*10.80	500	*10.90
500 10.90	1000	10.90	1000	*10.80
Power (Pref)	10	128.25	10	128.75
Ewo Mills (Ord)	4300	34.75	5100	34.50
500 *34.50	200	34.25	100	34.50
200 *34.25	100	34.25	100	34.50
200 *34.50	100	34.25	1300	*34.50
†100 1.50	100	*34.50	100	*34.25
200 *34.50	1200	34.50	900	34.75
200 34.50	1000	*34.50	500	34.75
700 34.50	100	34.75	500	34.50
100 34.75	1000	*34.50	500	34.50
300 34.75	100	34.50	200	34.75
Anglo Dutch	200	23.50	100	*23.25
†300 23.25				
Anglo Java	200	45.00	300	45.50
†500 *45.75	400	*46.00	100	45.75
200 *46.00	700	45.75		
Ayer Tawah			2000	8.25
Batu Anam	1000	*2.30	1000	2.27 1/2
1000 2.30				
†1000 2.30				
Bute	500	10.80	2000	10.70
500 *10.70				
†500 10.60	1000	10.70		
Chemor	2000	3.77 1/2	7000	3.80
1000 *3.75	1000	3.77 1/2		
†4000 3.77 1/2				
Cheng	4000	1.34	1000	1.36
6000 1.38	1000	*1.38	11000	1.36
1000 1.34	1000	1.36		
†2000 1.36	3000	1.36		
Consolidated	1000	10.20	2000	10.10
2000 10.20				
†500 10.20	500	*10.40	500	10.30
Java Consolidated			2000	6.10
Kroewoek	2000	3.52 1/2	1000	3.50
1000 3.52 1/2				
†1000 3.52 1/2	4000	3.55	1000	3.57 1/2
Langkat	1200	30.75	200	31.00
400 31.50	100	*31.75	200	31.50
†200 31.50	300	*31.75	200	*31.25
300 31.50	600	31.25		
Padang			2000	3.45
†2000 3.45				
Permata	2000	2.05	1000	2.10
Repah	1000	2.00	1000	2.02 1/2
2000 2.05	1000	2.10	2000	*2.10
1000 2.07 1/2	2000	2.05	7000	2.02 1/2
†5000 2.02 1/2				
Rubber Trust	500	*10.50	500	10.50
500 *10.60	1500	10.60	4500	10.50
†4500 10.60				
Semambu	2000	*2.15	2000	2.15
Senawang	2000	*2.65	3000	2.66
2000 2.62 1/2	1000	*2.65	3000	2.62 1/2
3000 2.60				
†2000 2.60				
Kelantan	4000	1.46	1000	*1.46
1000 1.48	9000	1.46	7000	1.44
†9000 1.44	1000	*1.46		
Pahang			1000	7.20
Seremban			1000	3.40
Sungei Duri			100	75.00
Tanah Merah	3000	4.60	2000	*4.60
†5000 4.60				
Tebong	4000	2.22 1/2	6000	2.25
2000 *2.25	2000	*2.22 1/2	5000	2.22 1/2
8000 2.25				
†8000 2.25	2000	*2.25		
Ziangbe	500	*33.75	200	33.25
500 33.50				
†200 33 50				
Kapayang	300	*39.00	100	39.00
Union Ins.		15*	‡Hlc.$480.00	
China Finance			7000	1.15
†12000 1.20	2000	*1.15	5000	1.25
5000 1.30				
Auto Palace	100	16.75	1850	*16.25
Telephone 6% Debs.			†4000	95.00
Power 5 1/2% Debs.			†25000	87.00
Alma			†100	50.50
Kota	†1000	7.20	5000	7.10
1000 7.15				
Zoong Sing			†100	48.50

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Power 5 1/2% Debs.			300	87.50
Sungei Duri			75	74.50
I. I. Trust	100	15.30	200	15.20
†100 15.40				
Tanah Merah			500	*4.60
S'hai Land	200	14.80	10	14.60
†400 14.70	100	14.80	200	14.50
Exploration			300	10.60
S'hai Loan			100	10.50
China Realty	35	9.20	65	9.35
†200 9.40				
Yangtsze Finance			300	13.10
S'hai Dock			1	279.00
Kroewoek			†500	3.57 1/2
R. Trust			†300	10.50

*—Direct Business.
‡—Outport Business.
†—Afternoon Business.

Finance Companies Share Values

The statistical value of the International Investment Trust Co., of China, Ltd., shares on Friday last was $18.14, and of the Yangtsze Finance Co., Ltd., $14.43.

Japanese Govt. Bonds

Osaka, Jan. 29.

Kogo 5%	Y.105.95

—Reuter.

War Cuts Number Of Free Tankers

Britain's Chartering of More Vessels From Norway Drops Total

With the British Government recently chartering for six months an additional seventy to seventy-five tankers under Norwegian registry, the number of "free" tankers available for chartering was reduced to a minimum. It is estimated that since the outbreak of hostilities about twenty tankers, representing about 150,000 gross tons, have been sunk, says J. H. Carmical in the "New York Times."

At the beginning of the European war the tankers under Norwegian registry were placed under control of the Norwegian Government. Before they could be sent into the combat zone it was necessary to obtain permission of the government. For that reason a large percentage of the roughly 3,000,000 deadweight tanker tonnage under the Norwegian flag has been tied up.

Under British Charter

Over a period of years British interests have had under charter Norwegian tankers representing about 800,000 deadweight tons. These have continued to operate in the combat zone and it is assumed that the additional tankers obtained under charter last week, representing about 700,000 tons, will be permitted to operate to Britain and France.

Tonnage for Chartering

Norway has the third largest tanker fleet, the tonnage of which is exceeded only by those of Great Britain and the United States. With the United States oil companies having probably 800,000 tons of Norwegian tankers under charter, however, there is only a comparatively small tonnage available for charter from that source.

At the outbreak of hostilities there was a large tonnage of tankers not in use. The delay in getting clearance through the British and French blockades to neutral countries and the time consumed in putting ships in the British convoy requires the service of about two tankers to do the work of one formerly.

Admiralty Control

For instance, tankers leaving the Gulf Coast for British ports, if under British registry, are under the control of the British Admiralty. Usually they are sent to Halifax, where they may have to wait several days until a convoy is assembled. After the convoy gets under way the speed of the ships in it must be reduced to that if the slowest vessel. As a result it usually takes twice the former time for a ship to make the trip from the Gulf Coast to a British port.

Ships under neutral registry with a cargo consigned to a neutral European country usually lose even more time. First they must report to the British or French or both for examination. So far the average time consumed in this detail has been about three weeks. In addition another week usually is required on the return voyage for inspection at a contraband control point.

Shipments to Neutrals

Shipments of oil products to neutral countries thus have been slowed considerably. It is understood that Britain and France intend to permit normal shipments, but it is maintained that because of the delay and the higher costs involved normal shipments, with one or two exceptions, are not arriving in the neutral countries.

Oil Consumption

The oil consumption of all European countries is said to be considerably below that at the outbreak of hostilities. This largely is owing to the fact that in most countries the sale of petroleum products is restricted. In the United Kingdom it is estimated that consumption has declined about 25 per cent. In Italy consumption is off 70 per cent., but probably will recover partly, with gasoline again to be bought there for private use. At the outbreak of the war all private sales were prohibited in Italy, but now an automobile owner is permitted eight gallons a month.

Because of these restrictions, the movement of oil products from the United States, with the exception of aviation gasoline and lubricants, is below what it was immediately preceding the outbreak of hostilities. On the Pacific Coast, however, there has been some pick-up because of increased sales to Russia and Japan.

Chartering Rates

Since the outbreak of hostilities the rate for chartering tankers has advanced several times, especially to the combat zone. It is reported in the trade that one fixture from the Gulf Coast to France was made at $15 a ton, whereas prior to Sept. 1 the charge would have been about $2.50 a ton. Between Gulf Coast and North Atlantic ports rates have jumped from around 18 cents a barrel to 50 cents, but the higher rate is not much above the level in the Summer of 1937.

In an endeavour to serve their former customers in neutral countries, the international oil companies are operating in the combat zone, so far as possible, only tankers under British registry. Some companies with tankers under the British flag have transferred them from non-combat areas to the belligerent zone and supplanted them by vessels under neutral registry.

U.S. Registry

Because of the necessity of using vessels under the United States flag in coastwise traffic, it is maintained that few tankers under Uniter States registry will be used in foreign trade. Under the Neutrality Act they are prohibited from the combat zone, which virtually prevents their going to Europe, since they would have to report at a contraband patrol point, probably a British port. Despite the fact that tankers under United States registry would be permitted to go to the Far East and other areas without danger of entering a belligerent zone, the oil companies in nearly every instance are using vessels under a neutral registry for these areas.

Oil Companies' Position

The position of the oil companies which over a period of years have been supplying petroleum products to various foreign countries, including those in Europe, is that they have an obligation to continue, so far as possible and in accordance with United States laws, to meet the requirements of these countries. This also is the attitude of the companies operating out of England. For instance, it is understood that the English companies still are selling to neutral countries, including those adjoining Germany, approximately the same amount of petroleum products as previously.

The United States companies, however, have experienced a little more difficulty than the British in carrying on the trade in Europe. In order to prevent any incidents that might be embarrassing to the State Department, the United States oil companies are not permitting United States citizens of vessels of United States registry to enter dangerous areas. In the event of an attack in foreign waters, therefore, there can be no claim for protection by the United States Government, despite the fact that the vessel might be owned by a United States company.

Successful Banking Results

Annual Reports of the Leading Banks Clearly Illustrate Soundness of British Finances

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

NOTHING could better illustrate the strength and liquidity of British finances than the dividend and profits figures published during the first few days of 1940 by the leading English banks.

The first two reports issued—those of the Westminster Bank and Martins Bank—are typical of the results of the other British banking institutions, states Mr. Robert Mackay.

Provision for increased taxation caused some reduction in the net profits of several banks; but in one of the two cases quoted the net profits for 1939 were £1,475,745, or only £81,000 less than in the previous year, while the net profits of the other bank actually rose—from £873,000 to £876,000. Dividends were maintained at 18 per cent. in one case, and in the other the rate was increased from 14 1/2 to 15 per cent.

Sound Methods

All recent banking reports show that though working under exceptionally conflicting influences in 1939, British banks have succeeded in preserving their strength in reserves and their position of liquidity. Two other big British banks, for instance, have this year maintained the dividends they have distributed for many years past, at 14 and 16 per cent., their aggregate net profits amounting to no less than £4,315,000, and their carry-forward in 1940 to nearly £1,000,000.

These highly satisfactory results are not merely a tribute to the sound methods of British banking, but reveal the healthy underlying trend of the whole British financial market. Thus, the three leading London discount houses increased their earnings in 1939 and were able to maintain their previous rates of dividend payment, at 10, 17 1/2 and 26 per cent. respectively.

Abundance of Credit

Apart from successful banking results, the satisfactory trend of the London financial market can be traced in the cheap rates at which the British Treasury is able to finance its requirements. In the first week in January, for instance, the average rate at which the weekly offer of Treasury bills was placed was £1. 2s. 3d. per cent. This is 2s. 1d. below the previous week's rate and is the lowest since the war. It is indeed no exaggeration to say that credit is abundant in London, so much so that applications for the last issue of £65 millions of Treasury bills amounted to over £104 millions.

It is, however, not only in the matter of Government borrowing that the strength of the British financial position is to be observed. The total applications to a recent municipal issue of £50,000 for a gas and water development scheme, for instance, amounted to over £430,000 and though it is true that capital issues are of necessity restricted during the present crisis, capital and credit continue to be amply available for approved purposes.

Moreover, statistics of the new issues made in London in 1939 show that even in a year in which the first eight months covered a period of apprehension and the last four months a period of war, British capital was readily forthcoming for the development not only of British countries overseas, but also of foreign countries.

Thus, public bodies and commercial enterprises in British overseas countries (other than India and Ceylon) received over £17 1/4 millions of British capital in 1939. Similarly, companies in foreign countries received £4,646,000 of Britsh capital last year. This was nearly £600,000 more than in 1938.

Flow of Money

Some idea of the unrivalled importance of the British financial market in world finances is conveyed by the enormous figures of its annual money turnover. War conditions and restrictions in international trading inevitably led to a small reduction in the figures for 1939, but the totals are as impressive as ever. Thus, during 1939, bills, cheques etc. having a value of no less than £34,641,873,000 were paid at the London Bankers' Clearing House. This total is only 7.4 per cent. below the corresponding figure for 1938. Meanwhile, the combined provincial clearings in England were £1,269,496,000 for 1939, and this actually represents an increase of nearly one per cent. over the figure for 1938.

Figures such as these are direct evidence of the volume and continuity of Great Britain's home and international trade in the face of many difficulties; and besides testifying to the steady flow of money throughout the country, they are a convincing revelation of the unimpaired strength of the nation's resources. The latest returns of the National Exchequer bear out this view. In the first nine months of the current financial year (April to December) total revenue amounted to £544,474,000 or £54 millions more than in the corresponding period of the previous year.

This is particularly encouraging when it is remembered that though income-tax receipts have already yielded over £108 millions, nearly three-quarters of the estimated revenue from this tax has still to be collected. Receipts from Customs, Excise and the National Defence Contribution have already brought in more than was estimated. Customs revenue alone already shows more than was estimated. Customs revenue alone already shows more than twice the increase estimated for the full twelve months.

Strong Economic Position

Confirmation of the sound state of British economy is to be found in the surprising number of Government and commercial securities which are now quoted on the London Stock Exchange not merely above the levels current just before the outbreak of war, but actually above the prices ruling at the beginning of 1939. The confidence thus shown by the public does not arise from any speculative forecasts, but from a general recognition of the fact that, great as are the problems of the war, Great Britain possesses all the economic elements for resolving them successfully.

The great basic industries of the country are in a sound position, and the vitality of general trade conditions is instaneed by the results of a concern like the Co-operative Wholesale Society, whose sales for the 39 weeks to October 14 last, at £92,000,000 showed an increase of nearly 4 1/2 per cent. over those for the corresponding period of 1938.

Good reports of trading conditions have been received from the coal, iron and steel, engineering and shipbuilding industries, while Lancashire enters the New Year on the crest of a wave of prosperity.

Unemployment is decreasing rapidly and new industries are being established. Building, for instance, has started on a factory in Lancashire on which the capital expenditure will be about £3 millions, and when completed the factory will give employment to 15,000 people.

The steady expansion of British economic activity is evident from the fact that during the past decade the number of persons engaged in "productive industries" increased by nearly 12 per cent.

As to the financial aspect, the commercial stability of the country is shown by the statistics replating to business failures. In 1939 the number of such failures was 4,648. This is not only a decrease of 800 compared with 1938, but is the seventh successive annual decrease to be recorded.

Japanese-Argentine Trade Agreement

Economic Mission Visit to Arrange Barter Pact

Tokyo, Jan. 29.

The visit of an economic mission from Argentina next month will result in a barter agreement being concluded between Japan and Argentina, the "Asahi Shimbun" predicted last night.

Members of the mission are now aboard the Argentina Maru, which is due to arrive in Yokohama February 17. They will stay in Japan for about a month as guests of the Japan Economic Federation.

Senor Federico Quintana, former Ambassador to Chile is the leader of the mission, and five other members of the party will meet Government officials, leaders of the Japan Economic Federation and prominent business men, the paper said.

Promotion of Trade

In these discussions concrete measures for promotion of trade between Japan and Argentina will be formulated the "Asahi" forecast. Japanese business men were said to believe that under a barter arrangement Japan might easily be able to buy Y.40,000,000 worth of goods a year from Argentina, should that country be prepared to purchase a like amount from Japan.

This would bring Japanese-Argentinean trade back to approximately the level of 1937 when Japan exported Y.42,476,000 worth of goods to the South American country and imported products valued at about Y.41,982,000.

It was reported that the Argentine mission will be prepared to discuss measures for increasing exports of Argentine wool, canned meat, cereals and, if possible, raw cotton. There was also talk of Japan's increasing imports of leather and hides. Japan would like to arrange for Argentina to buy more cotton textiles, ceramic and porcelain ware, and miscellaneous goods.

The Foreign Office was believed to have been making preliminary arrangements for a barter agreement for some time. The Asahi pointed out that until the outbreak of the European war Great Britain dominated the Argentine trade picture. That position had weakened since September, however, according to the journal, which asserted that the United States "has tried recently to conclude an agreement with Argentina but has failed for some reason. —Domei.

The Future of Tea

Market Gradually Settling Down; Shares Attractive

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

London, Jan. 28.

The Tea Market is gradually getting into order. It was reduced to chaos by the Government in the few days following the outbreak of war. Tons of tea, commandeered by the Government when war broke out and sent out of London for safety, have now been brought back, and merchants are examining huge cases and staking out their claims to the particular brands in which they usually deal. "'It is really a 'tea-swopping' affair" said one of them. "Buyers and brokers will take what is offered them and then 'swop' back with one another for the particular brand they deal in. Some small merchants deal exclusively in one kind of tea, and for them the "hunt' is likely to be awkward," says our correspondent.

Tea Share Market

According to the "Daily Mail" the tea share market has a definite attraction to offer in the immediate future in the shape of the new long-term agreement with the Government under the Control arrangement. I believe that within the next few days directors will be in possession of the terms of this new agreement which has been under negotiation for some time. I understand that, as previously mentioned the basis of payment to the producers will be the average of prices for three years.

In the case of Northern Indian companies it will be for the seasons 1936-37, 1937-38, and 1938-39, and for Ceylon companies the years 1936, 1937 and 1938. If considered necessary some allowance may be arranged for extra wartime costs. As this brings in the good season 1937, it is calculated that the dividends should be rather better than those for 1938. As regards Indian shares, Singlos at about 31/3d. seem attractive. The dividend for 1939 has been maintained at 3 per cent. The yield on last year's rate is £7.13.6d. per cent. Empire of India and Ceylon, in which the interim was unchanged at 2 1/2 per cent. and on which 7 1/2 per cent. was paid for the whole of 1939, at 23/-, show a return of about 6 1/2 per cent. Majull, which paid 5 per cent. for 1938 and 1937, at 14/- give £7.2.6. per cent. Tea-cumrubber shares have the two strings to their bow. A promising share appears to be Yataderia, which has about an equal amount of tea and rubber acreage. For 1938 5 per cent. was paid and at 12/- the shares show 8 1/2 per cent. return.

Survey of Italy's Foreign Trade

Government Guarantees Risk on Payments to Facilitate Exports

One of the many difficulties which beset exporters under the uncertain conditions now prevailing is the instability of foreign exchange rates. To meet this difficulty the Italian Government has for some time past guaranteed the risk on payments effected through clearings to the extent allowed of by the funds made available for this purpose. As the risk is insured by the Government to facilitate exports, it ceases whenever the credits held by Italy on clearing account with a given country rise to a figure which makes the reduction of exports to that market desirables so as to check the growth of the debt. Last July the guarantee was suspended for this reason with certain countries among which Germany, with whom however it was resumed on 13th November as by that date the deficit on clearing account had been considerably reduced, states the "Fascist Confederation of Industrialists" their December, report.

The guarantee covers a large proportion of Italy's export trade; thus in 1938 out of total exports valued at 19,000 million lire no less than 11,500 million were insured against exchange risks. The 7,500 million which did not enjoy this guarantee represented trade with countries on a free exchange basis, to which hitherto the guarantee has not applied.

Foreign Exchange

As, however, the purchase of foreign exchange is a monopoly held by the National Foreign Exchange Institute, it is not possible for exporters to insure themselves against foreign exchange risks by ordinary business methods. For this reason, and with a view to encouraging exports, the Minister of Foreign Trade and Valuta has decided that as from December 1 the guarantee will be extended to cover the risk of trade transaction payable in dollars, Swiss francs, Dutch florins, belgas, and Swedish crowns, and also those payable in sterling and French francs, although these two valuta are now no longer freely negotiable.

The decision comes as a timely encouragement to Italian exporters.

Trade Negotiations

A number of important trade negotiations have been completed in November, among them an agreement with the United Kingdom under which a permanent joint committee has been set up to facilitate reciprocal trade.

The signature of an additional protocol to the existing trade agreement with Bulgaria will promote exchanges between the two countries and contracts were signed for the purchase by Italy of wheat, maize, oil seeds and more especially tobacco for the Italian Monopoly; it was agreed that export restrictions made to meet the needs of the present situation will not be allowed to interfere with the trade arranged for between the two countries under the clearing arrangement of 1918.

The joint permanent Italo-Hungarian Trade Committee, which has been holding its usual quarterly meeting in Rome, is able to note the satisfactory growth of trade between the two countries. In the first seven months of the year Italian imports were valued at 236 million lire against 119 million for the corresponding period of 1938, and exports to Hungary stood at 109 million lire against 78 million. Fiume is increasingly used as the port for Hungarian foreign trade, her share of its traffic having risen from 36 per cent. in 1938 to 40 per cent. in 1939.

Swiss Agreement

The agreement with Switzerland signed in November at Berne grants special facilities for Swiss import and export trade through the port of Genoa, and will enable that country to maintain her foreign commerce. The recently inaugurated electric traction on the Genoa-Chiasso line enables the journey from the Swiss frontier to be made in two hours, and especially favourable rates and time-table facilities have been arranged for. Other countries which are arranging to use Italian ports for much of their foreign trade are Holland and Sweden. Italian trade with Holland and the Dutch Indies has increased notably in the current year.

Shipping

Consequent on the recognition by the Trade Federal Council of Brazil of the need of promoting that country's trade with Italy, the Lloyd Brasiliano shipping company, which is under government control, has decided to run a regular service between the Brasilian ports of Santos, Rio Jeneiro, Bahia, and Refice, and the port of Genoa.

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From NEW YORK: Anna Maersk, with mail, due late p.m. or early to-morrow morning, Shanghai and Hongkew Wharf.

From DAIREN: Tsingtao Maru, with mail, due between 2-3 p.m. Whangpoo Wharf.

DUE AT FUTURE DATES

All vessels are listed under their terminal port. The first date is that of the ship's departure from that port, and the second is the date she is due to arrive in Shanghai Where a ship's name is duplicated it indicates the port of call last visited.

On account of the present international situation there is considerable interference with movements of ships, especially those from Europe. In cases where it is definitely known that the vessel is not running to schedute the Shanghai arrival date is omitted.

EUROPE AND STRAITS

From LISBON			**From SOERABAYA**		
Torrens	10/12	31/1	Tjitjalengka	19/1	5/2
From GENOA			**From MANILA**		
C. B'camano	26/1	22/2	M. Maersk	27/1	31/1
From TRIESTE			Tjitjalengka	28/1	5/2
Himalaya	21/12	7/2	P. Taft		8/2
From SINGAPORE			**From HONGKONG**		
Himalaya	23/1	7/2	See "China Ports" below		

AMERICA AND JAPAN

From NEW YORK			**From SEATTLE**		
Mokihana	—	10/2	Collingsworth	13/1	8/2
Sophocles	24/12	14/2	**From PORTLAND**		
Ivaran	—	17/2	Agra	23/12	1/2
Sorholt	30/12	21/2	Canton	27/1	20/2
Laura Maersk	10/1	25/2	**From HONOLULU**		
N. Maersk	24/1	12/3	Asama M.	9/1	10/2
S. Navigator	—	12/3	Tatuta M.	23/1	24/2
From SAVANNAH			**From NAGASAKI**		
N. Maersk	29/1	12/3	Shanghai M.	31/1	1/2
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L. Maersk	21/1	25/2	Tyosa M.	31/1	2/2
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Sophocles	16/1	14/2			
Sorholt	18/1	21/2			
Tatuta M.	15/1	24/2			

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For GENOA		Ivaran	19/2
C. B'camano	24/2	Torrens	21/2
For TRIESTE		A. Maersk	2/3
Himalaya	9/2	Azuma Maru	13/3
For BOMBAY		**For SAN FRANCISCO**	
Okitu Maru	2/2	Agra	3/2
Durban Maru	6/2	P. Taft	9/2
Tango Maru	7/2	P. Cleveland	12/2
For CAPETOWN		Asama Maru	17/2
Ruys	26/2	Canton	20/2
For JAVA		P. Pierce	26/2
Tjibadak	1/2	Tatuta Maru	2/3
Tjitjalengka	8/2	P. Coolidge	12/3
For HONGKONG		**For SEATTLE**	
Asama Maru	11/2	Collingsworth	10/2
For MANILA		**For YOKOHAMA**	
A. Maersk	31/1	Suwa Maru	30/1
Sophocles	15/2	**For KOBE**	
P. Garfield	19/2	Taiyo Maru	1/2
Laura Maersk	26/2	**For NAGASAKI**	
P. Coolidge	28/2	Shanghai Maru	2/2
N. Maersk	13/3	**For DAIREN**	
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Barometer inches	30.33	30.42	30.42	30.47
at 32 F. (variation for 24 hrs.)	—0.05	+0.02	+0.07	+0.09
at 32 F. (,, 12 hrs.)	—0.02	+0.04	+0.09	+0.05
Wind (direction)	NE/E	NE	NE	NE
,, (miles per hour)	17.5	14.3	14.3	14.9
Temperature (Fahr.)	35.8°	35.2°	37.°0	39.°0
Humidity %	94	96	90	84
Nebulosity (0 to 10)	10	10	10	10
Rainfall inches	0.05	0.10	0.07	0.03

Siccawei Abridged Report January 28	Mean 1940	24 hrs. variation	67 years average
Barometer (mean 4 obs.)	30.37	—0.08	30.30
Temp. Min. 26.°4 Max. 39.°7	33.°2	+5.°6	37.°4
Total rainfall January 1 to midnight before last (inches)	1.74	0.19	1.63

Time and Tide	30/1	31/1	1/2	2/2	3/2
Sun rises at Shanghai	6.48	6.48	6.47	6.47	6.46
Sun sets at Shanghai	17.27	17.27	17.28	17.29	17.30
Moon rises at Shanghai	23.27	—	0.29	1.28	2.26
Moon sets at Shanghai	10.13	10.55	11.39	12.25	13.14
Flood makes Shai. 6 to 18	14.20	15.04	16.00	17.15	5.50
Ebb. makes Shai. 6 to 18	7.00	8.00	9.02	10.10	11.32
H.W. W'sung Bar 6 to 18	19.14	17.02	18.05	5.45	6.13
Ht above LLW. (feet)	7.80	7.80	7.80	7.40	7.80

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TUESDAY, January 30.		Reg.	Ord.
U.S.S.R. and Europe via Siberia		*20.00	8.00
Amoy and Hongkong		12.30	13.00
H'kong Canton Aust. N.Z. Indo-China	A	15.30	16.00
Indo-China (Z) via Haiphong	B	—	—
Kiangpei offices south and east of Jukao		19.30	20.00
WEDNESDAY, January 31.			
Tinghai and Shenkiamen via Tinghai	X	9.30	10.00
Hongkong		12.00	12.30
Tsingtao Weihaiwei Chefoo Tientsin		12.30	13.00
Hongkong and Kwangchowwan		12.30	13.00
U.S.A. Canada Europe via Pacific	CX	14.00	16.00
Aust. N.Z. Indo-China and Manila	X	15.00	16.00
Hongkong	X	15.30	16.00
Aust. N.Z. Indo-China and Manila	X	15.00	16.00
Hongkong and Canton	X	15.30	16.00
Kiangpei offices south and east of Jukao		19.30	20.00
Japan via Kobe		19.30	20.00
Amoy and Hongkong		19.30	20.00
THURSDAY, February 1.			
Tsingtao and Dairen		*20.00	7.15
Aust. N.Z. Indo-China Java Ports	E	8.15	9.00
Amoy Hongkong and Canton		8.30	9.00
Amoy Swatow and Canton	X	9.30	10.00
Tsingtao	X	9.30	10.00
Hongkong		13.30	14.00
Nantung		14.30	15.00
Kiangpei offices south and east of Jukao		19.30	20.00
Hongkong		19.30	20.00

* The night before.
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Imperial Airways Service per steamer on February 1, at 8.15 a.m. for registered and at 9 a.m. for ordinary due London on February 14.

Pan American Airways Service per steamer on February 1, at 8.15 a.m. for registered and at 9 a.m. for ordinary due San Francisco on Feb. 13.

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Neth. (K.L.M.) Air Mail Service (Batavia-Naples) per steamer to Hongkong.

Royal Netherlands Indies' Airways K.N.I.L.M. (Saigon-Batavia-Sydney) per steamer to Hongkong.

Shanghai-Japan Air Mail Service: daily at 8 p.m.

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Name	*Flag*	*Despatcher*
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Tokyo Prepares for Shipping Shortage

Communications Ministry Will Take Measures to Meet Emergency

Odawara, Jan. 29.

"In order to overcome difficulties in maritime transportation due to the scarcity of bottoms since the European war, the Ministry of Communications is rushing preparations for distribution of shipping and other measures of control in this field," Mr. Masanori Katsu, Minister of Communications, declared in an interview on a train en route to the Ise Grand Shrine.

"For this purpose we expect the maritime transport control regulations to be enforced at the beginning of next month. And having also decided to exercise supervision over and give support to shipping enterprises, we are making preparations to present a bill to the coming session of the Diet.

"To leave nothing to be desired in such matters as the control of freight rates, chartering fees, distribution of vessels, and construction permits, the Ministry of Communications is co-operating with civilian groups.

"We should do our utmost to accomplish the important task of carrying on maritime transport in wartime so that needed goods can be obtained without interruption."

Inconveniences Minimized

Various inconveniences in transportation between Japan, Manchoukuo and China would be eliminated by enforcement of co-ordinated transport regulations for the three countries beginning on June 1, Mr. Tsuruhei Matsuno, Minister of Railways, told reporters while on his way to the Ile Grand Shrine.

"It is very important to co-ordinate transport facilities throughout Japan proper and overseas areas, maintain steady movement of passengers and goods between Japan and the continent, and shorten the time required," Mr. Matsuno said.

"To fulfill this mission it is necessary for the Japanese, Manchoukuo and Chinese governmental offices, land, sea, and air transport companies to work together closely. They can thus bring about adjustment of railway, motor car, shipping and harbour facilities."

"As a step in this direction we have decided to form an inquiry and adjustment organization, which we consider absolutely necessary, and present a plan for that purpose to the Cabinet for approval."—Domei.

Wang Clique Want to Take Over Embassy

Possible Occupation of Tokyo Building

Tokyo, Jan. 28.

The permanent representative of Wang Ching-wei in Tokyo, Tan Chiao-cheng, Chief Private Secretary of the "Provisional Chinese Government," hopes soon to take over the long-empty Chinese Embassy here, the "Miyako Shimbun" reports.

Mr. Tan's present offices in Azabu are becoming too small for him, according to the same report.

In an interview, Mr. Tan admitted, however, that he would have to wait at least until the new Wang Ching-wei régime is established in China for no less than Y.50,000 are needed to renovate the Embassy building.

The house today is in such a delapidated state that some people even say it is haunted.—Havas.

Zurich Prepares Air Raid Shelters

Large-Scale Programme to Be Undertaken by City

Zurich, Jan. 28.

Proposing a large-scale programme for the construction of anti-air raid shelters, the Zurich municipal authorities today addressed an urgent request to the Federal Council for credits totalling Frs. 440,000.

The city authorities also asked that they be granted the right of requisition, within the limits of Federal laws, where national defence against air raids is concerned. They thus requested authorization to enforce measures compelling all property owners to undertake anti-air raid works and to make loans to cover such works where owners are unable to shoulder the costs themselves.—Havas.

China Not Easily Slain Says Financier

Like a Worm, It Can Be Cut, But Still Lives

Tokyo, Jan. 28.

"China is like a worm," Sir Victor Sassoon, Shanghai businessman, told Japanese newspapermen when interviewed at Kobe en route to the United States.

"You can cut China into three pieces, and all three continue to move —fully alive," he added.

Sir Victor had little more to say; he complained, however, that the press has a "deplorable liking to sensationalise" his travels.—Havas.

German Spy Arrested By Swiss Police

Berne, Jan. 28.

Caught just as he was about to cross the frontier into Germany, Colonel Von Jallaz, German spy, was arrested by Swiss police at Shaffhouse, near the frontier, shortly after he had stepped off the Zurich Express, it was announced today by the "Basler Nachrichten." The arrest was carried out Thursday and a German citizen, employee of a German textile factory, was arrested at the same time.

Colonel Von Jallaz, the newspaper stated, was a member of a broad espionage organization established in western Europe. He was tracked down by the federal police working in close co-operation with the police of Shaffhouse, near where his accomplice, the German citizen, was living. An official statement on this subject is awaited, the "Basler Nachrichten" concluded.—Havas.

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